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Cascio's Trees...



TOM CASCIO, owner and operator of Cascio's Nurseries on Meadow Street, Agawam, displays one of his famous flocked Christmas Trees, now on sale at his stand. Cascio's flocked trees and wreaths are an annual Christmas tradition for many townsfolk. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Call Firemen's Trees...



AGAWAM CALL FIREMEN, from left -Wayne Corliss, Bill Collins, and John Poliwczak are selling Christmas trees at the stand at the top of Suffield Street (near Walnut Street Extension exit) as a fundraising project for the association. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Town Holds Open House, Ribbon-Cutting At New Nursery School At Perry Lane Park

by Dale Fiske

Advertiser News Political Editor

Last Sunday afternoon's open house and ribbon cutting announced the official opening of the Town of Agawam's Nursery School at Perry Lane Park (the former YMCA property).

On hand were Town Manager Reid S. Charles, Precinct 4 Councilor Frederick Harpin, Precinct 3 Councilor Jack Shaughnessy, Park and Recreation Director Jack Kunasek, Town Clerk Richard Theroux, Nursery School Director MaryAnn Page, Laurie Solitario, and many community residents and their children.

The nursery facility has been completely renovated and outfitted with fire doors and firewalls, and

Kunasek noted "a bright and airy" feeling dominates the facility." The interior is newly-painted and carpeted. A new ramp has been installed to accommodate children with special needs.

The town purchased the former Y property last summer for \$125,000 from the Metropolitan YMCA, based in Springfield. The purchase ended a three-year battle between the former directors of the Agawam Y board and the Metro Y. The directors of the former Agawam Y board had filed suit to stop the Metro Y from selling the 33-acre site.

Learning activities at the new Nursery School will include an all-new water table and sand table. There is a

workbench with tools, gymnastic mats, games, and puzzles. As a special project, according to Kunasek, girl scouts are planning to build a new workbench and make wooden toys to donate to the school.

Nursery School classes will get underway Monday, January 5th. Registrations are being accepted by the Parks and Recreation Department until that time. Two sessions are planned - one Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings for four and five-years olds; and the other Tuesday and Thursday mornings for three year-olds.

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TOWN OFFICIALS (back row) **JACK KUNASEK**, **MaryAnn Page** (director), **Laurie Solitario** (aide), **Fred Harpin** (councilor), **Jack Shaughnessy** (councilor), and **Reid S. Charles** (town manager) watch as local children cut the ribbon at the town's new Nursery School at Perry Lane Park. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



KRISTA PAGE and **MATTHEW FRANCIS** enjoy several of the toys and games at the new Nursery School at Perry Lane Park. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Prices are \$60 and \$45 per week, respectively. Openings are still available for all sessions, Kunasek said. Kunasek said he is relieved the school will finally open after several delays due to problems with the building. "That's all behind us now," said Kunasek. "I'm really pleased with the way the renovation process went."

Director MaryAnn Page added, "I'm am very excited and cannot wait to get underway. The town has done an outstanding job redoing the school"

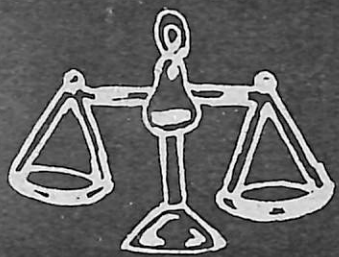
Councilor Harpin noted, "The school looks very good. The town has done an excellent job. It shows

what can be done with the right supervision."

People who dropped by during open house hours all voiced strong approval of the school. The children visiting the school seemed to like the facility and peals of laughter could be heard as they played with the many toys and games that were available to them at the open house.

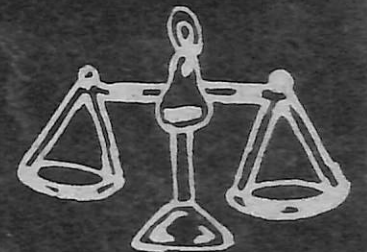
On Saturday, December 20th, Santa Claus will be arriving at Perry Lane Park by helicopter to meet with area children. His flight arrives at 1:00 p.m., and he will be at the park until 3:00 p.m. Pictures of children taken with Santa will be offered for a nominal charge.

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(IN THE COMMUNITY SHOPS)

Agawam Schools: 'Business As Usual' Is No Longer Possible

Agawam Schools are among the finest in Hampden County. Recently, this fact was underscored by our strong showing in the test results of the Massachusetts Educational Assessment Program. Our SAT and Basic Skills testing results have also been going up.

Agawam's excellence is due in large part to the fact that Agawam teachers have consistently given time, energy, and extra effort to our students. This commitment is manifest not only in our classrooms, but also in the work we have done in so many of the voluntary enrichment activities of which Agawam schools can boast.

Now, however, we are saddened to be put in the position of having to reconsider our participation in these voluntary activities.

Our reasons are clear and compelling: after more than eight months of collective bargaining, and more than three months of working without a contract, Agawam teachers still have not received an offer from the School Committee which adequately addresses our professional needs.

Instead of salaries adequate to hold our veteran teachers and attract new teachers in the face of a coming teacher shortage, the School Committee has proposed a salary package which, as late as 1989, would offer starting teachers in Agawam less than the state recommended in 1985.

The School Committee also wants to extend our school day by 15 minutes without pay. While this is not enough time to have any educational significance for the students (especially since plans for the high school, junior high school, and middle school call for spreading this time throughout the day by two or three minute periods), it does extend teacher work time by 4% or seven full days over the course of the school year.

And although it is separate from the contract negotiations, we must also mention the School Committee's action in unilaterally implementing a check-in system for teachers - an action clearly contrary to state laws governing collective bargaining.

These and other issues have created a situation which simply will not permit "business as usual." While we will continue to perform all our contractually defined work, we must reconsider our commitment to all voluntary activities. We deeply regret having to pursue this course of action, but we have no other choice.

The following is a partial list of voluntary enrichment activities normally performed by teachers which have been or may be discontinued.

Agawam High School

Financial Aid Information Night
National Honor Society Selection Committee
Adelphi volunteer work for alcohol/drug prevention
Task force to prevent adolescent suicide
School Improvement Council members
High School Accreditation Steering Committee
Attendance Policy Appeals Board
Foreign Language Week activities supervisors
American Legion and V.F.W. oratorical contests advisor
Astronomy night observations supervisor
Graduation rehearsals supervisors
Assistance with *As Schools Match Wits* team
Food Mart holiday window displays supervisor
Brown Book Award Committee
Bausch and Lomb Science Award Committee
Cheerleaders and Color Guard Selection Committee
English Department Elizabethan Banquet supervisors
Teacher attendance at sporting, drama and music events
Teacher attendance with students at School Committee meetings
Extra shopping for food programs
Modern Foreign Language Club advisor
Junior Classical League advisor
Unicorn literary magazine advisor
Art Club advisor
Junior-Senior prom advisor
Computer Programming Team advisor
Math Team advisor
Academic Decathlon Team advisor
Accounting Club advisor
Chemistry Olympiad advisor
Stage West field trip chaperones
Springfield Symphony field trip chaperones
Yale University field trip chaperones
Columbia University field trip chaperone
American International College press forum
Holyoke Community College press forum
New York City art museum field trip chaperones
Provincetown whaling trip chaperones
Chaperones for trips to local French and Spanish

restaurants with language students
Student-faculty mixed doubles tennis tournament
Additional help classes beyond contract obligation
After-school hours contact with parents

Agawam Junior High

Adelphi Volunteer work - peer leadership
Extra, extra help
New York field trips chaperones
Cheerleader summer camp supervisor
Cheerleader workshop - middle school
End of season parties for athletic teams supervisor
Evening telephoning parents
After school district chorus rehearsals
American Field Services volunteer work
Student/faculty basketball game
Typewriter repair work
Memorial Day essay contest advisors
VFW essay contest advisor
Costume Day participants
Purchaser of wood materials for shop
Ski Club advisor
Magazine Drive supervisors
Upaid department head work
Selectors of students for Principal's Award
Boston field trip chaperones
Industrial Arts Project Fair supervisor
School Improvement Council members
Science Fair supervisors
Printer of school materials
Step-up day at junior high supervisors
Repair physical ed. equipment
Teacher attendance at sporting, music and drama events
Field trip chaperones to Mexican restaurant for Spanish class
Student/faculty softball game
Whale watch chaperone
Building art display supervisor
Coordination of and preparation for the state Basic Skills exams - after school

Agawam Middle School

Western District music rehearsals supervisor

Video taping programs
Play rehearsals supervisor
Parent teacher conferences
Field trips chaperones
Ski Club advisors
PTO teacher representatives
PTO fundraiser participants
School Improvement Council members
Music rehearsal supervisors
Step-up Day supervisors
Science Fair supervisors
Social Studies Fair supervisors
Book Swap supervisor
Book Fair coordinator

Elementary Schools

PTO teacher representatives
Attendance at PTO meetings
Learning center preparation work
School Improvement Council members
School plays supervisor
Campbell soup label program supervisors
Pioneer Valley Reading Council members
Artifact Box Project supervisors
Car wash participants
Adelphi in-service participants
Showcases in schools designers
School preparatory work August
Adelphi volunteer work
Peer leadership program participants
Halloween party supervisors
Kindergarten parent conferences
Springfield Library program participants
Bulletin board preparation
After hours parent conferences
Classroom magazine project supervisor
Interest center activities preparation
Aid to Project SEE
Aid to Future Problem Solving Program
Bottle collections for fundraiser participant
Field trip chaperones
Elementary graduation ceremony supervisors
Plays and pageants supervisors
Book fair coordinators

YOU CAN END THIS EDUCATION CRISIS. Contact your School Committee members and demand a fair and equitable contract settlement for Agawam teachers.

Remember, educational excellence is based on teacher commitment. Help keep both strong!

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AGAWAM EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

\$750,000 Project... Lloyd Construction Breaks Ground For "Juniper Ridge Shops"

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Political Editor

Lloyd Construction Ltd. of Feeding Hills has broken ground and started construction of Juniper Ridge Shops on the corner of North Street Extension and North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. The foundation is already in and the framing should begin by mid-December, said Robert Lloyd, company president. May 1st is the anticipated grand opening date, according to him.

Seven units are planned for the project, estimated to cost \$750,000. According to Lloyd, Westfield Savings Bank will be the initial occupant of one of the units. He said he is also negotiating with a convenience store, pizza parlo, and dentist at presstime.

The one-story building will "have a colonial appearance to conform with the esthetics of the area," explained Lloyd. "We have taken great pains in planning this project. The landscaping will make it appealing to the neighborhood. We are also providing generous parking space for the convenience and comfort of the public."

Architect Leon Pernice of West Springfield has developed plans for the Juniper Ridge project in conjunction with Lloyd Construction. Lloyd said, "We have worked very closely with the town planner (Deborah Dachos), Planning Board, and Building Department to assure the utmost in consumer safety, convenience, and aesthetic appeal."

Situated on the site is a huge oak tree. Lloyd said the tree is one of the oldest in Feeding Hills. "This tree has historic significance and we have preserved it and have actually planned the shopping center around this tree. Anything that magnificent should be preserved."

Lloyd said he believes that because of the location of the shops, some congestion in Feeding Hills Center may be alleviated. "With Route 57 hopefully to be opening up soon, business in the Feeding Hills area will have more exposure. This is a growing community and we must be able to accommodate the needs of the people who live here."

Melconian Files Bill To Help Elderly With Health Care Services

State Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has filed legislation that would protect senior citizens against losing health care services as a result of physicians withdrawing from Blue Cross-Blue Shield.

The bill not only gives Medex subscribers freedom of choice in choosing their physicians, but it also protects them against balanced billing by non-Blue Shield doctors.

As the present law stands, any Medex subscriber who goes to a physician who is not under contract to Blue Shield, is liable for the doctor's charges, in excess of the agreed-upon reimbursement rates for doctors participating in Blue Shield.

Senator Melconian filed legislation to curb the abuses that the elderly are exposed to under the current law. "I want to reassure the elderly citizens of my district that I am doing whatever is necessary to eliminate any hardship that the recent publicized physician pullout from Blue Shield might have upon them."

"I understand the fears and concerns of the elderly Medex subscribers. I want to assure them that the security and continuity of health care services is my number one priority as we work together, to work to resolve the difficulties facing the elderly health care subscribers," said Senator Melconian.

While the bill is in response to the recently publicized exodus of doctors from Blue Shield, it would also alleviate any abuses that the elderly are exposed to under the current law, the Senator concluded.

Town Treasurer Says Half Of Property Tax Due December 15th

A reminder to Agawam tax payers that their first half Real Estate Tax bills are due Monday, December 15th, says Agawam Town Treasurer Rudy Altobelli.

According to state statutes, failure to pay on this date will result in paying 14 percent interest, back to the mailing date of November 14th.

Thus, if a taxpayer is a day late, the taxpayer must pay 31 days of interest.

For example, if your first payment was \$600, and you were one day late in paying this bill, the interest would be \$7.13, the interest for 31 days.

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Thursday, December 11th
Conservation Commission
Town Clerk's Meeting Room
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Monday, December 15th
Town Council Meeting
Public Library
8:00 P.M.

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\$30 Million Plaza Planned For F.H. Center

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Political Editor

Feeding Hills Attorney Joseph Pacella and builder and designer Ralph DePalma announced plans Monday afternoon to construct a \$30 million shopping plaza in the center of Feeding Hills, at a press conference in the office of Town Manager Reid S. Charles. Pacella and DePalma, who own 20 acres of land along Springfield Street, across from the junior high school, said the project will encompass existing buildings they already own: Village Shops, New Community Shops, and the building housing Fitness First Health and Racquetball Club and Da Vinci's Restaurant.

Pacella said Monday, "This will be a major development that will impact the area. It will provide retail shopping for one of the fastest growing communities in Hampden County."

Pacella also contends the shopping plaza will be "something good for residents of Feeding Hills because it will conserve resources, utilize land to its fullest, and help with the traffic congestion."

Create Something Good For Feeding Hills

Three months ago, Pacella and DePalma approached Charles, town department heads, Town Planner Deborah Dachos, and Building Inspector Joseph Conte with their plans in order to "create something good for Feeding Hills Center," according to Pacella. An East Longmeadow firm was hired to determine the best way to conserve resources and utilize the land, he added.

Addressing the already-congested traffic conditions on Springfield Street, Pacella explained, "We are going to redirect traffic to eliminate the congested, slow-moving traffic tie-ups. We plan to do this by tunneling at two intersections, by closing driveways to the shopping centers we already own, and with the aid of the town's DPW, put-in a traffic signal."

Pacella said the traffic signal would be placed in front of the junior high. The developers feel rerouting the traffic will help traffic patterns. Pacella added, "After the Route 57 extension is in, traffic will be lessened even more."

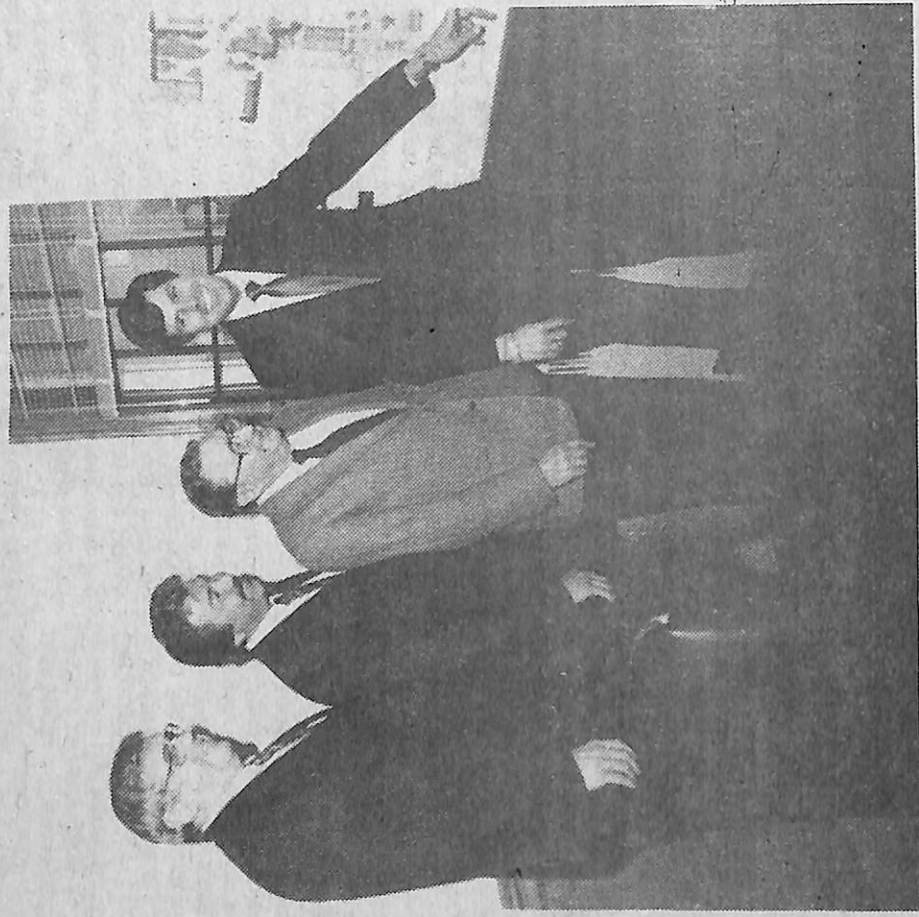
In an effort to "put something back into the community," while also addressing conservation and recreation aspects, plans call for the development of two ponds, or water detention basins, that will be used to hold run-off water and double as skating ponds for area residents in the winter (behind the planned shopping plaza).

Adjacent to the ponds, Pacella said, will be a public park.

Ground-breaking for the complex is projected for mid-summer. Financing has been secured, according to the two developers. Pacella said that before plans can be carried out, they first must be approved by the Conservation Commission and Planning Board.



RALPH DEPALMA and JOSEPH PACELLA, local developers, are planning to construct a \$30 million shopping plaza in Feeding Hills Center, across from the Junior High School. In photo below, Pacella shows the plan to Town Manager Reid S. Charles (left), and Town Council President Andrew C. Gallano (next to Pacella), while DePalma looks on.



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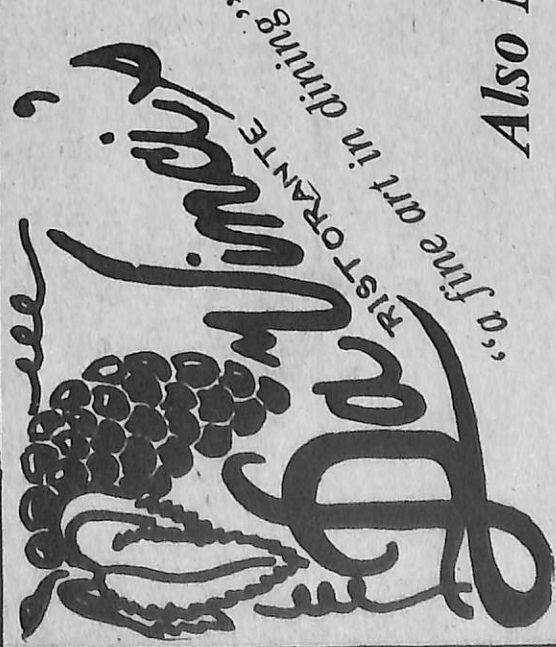
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Editorial

On Local Politics.....

Caba's Temporary Halt Of New Police Posts Continues Axe Grinding

by Dale Fiske

Advertiser News Political Editor

Councilor At-Large Edward Caba's charter objection, Monday, December 1st, concerning the creation of a new captain's and lieutenant's position for the Agawam Police Department comes as no great revelation. Caba's parliamentary move was expected.

A charter objection is allowed by the Agawam Town Charter. When a councilor says "I charter object" before any vote is taken by the council, that vote is automatically postponed until the next meeting.

From what I have learned about a charter objection, it was instituted by the original Charter Commission 14 years ago to allow a member of the council the opportunity to stop a vote to gather more information on the particular issue being debated - not as a filibuster (the use of "dilatatory tactics in an attempt to delay or prevent action in a legislative assembly").

The issue of appointing two new administrators in the Agawam Police Department to begin a chain of command (non-existent now) has been debated for six months - more than enough time for individual councilors to gather all pertinent information.

There is a common sentiment by those in political circles as well as those who have been following the issue as to why Caba charter objected on the police captain and lieutenant - his personal problems with the Agawam Police Department, including Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski, have carried over from his tenure as town manager. And in dissenting on the police administrators, Caba has not forwarded a concrete reason for this dissent.

As a town manager, Caba constantly complained that individual councilors were unfairly interfering with the smooth operation of Agawam town government, both on the council floor and behind the scenes.

Caba's charter objection postponing the two new

police positions is a classic example of this. Charter objections have been abused by individual councilors in the past; Caba's recent charter objection is doing to Town Manager Reid Charles and the Agawam Police Department, exactly what he claims was done to him when he was town manager - unfair interference.

When Caba received a strong mandate from the voters of this community in the 1985 municipal elections, part of that support was rooted in the feeling that he received a "raw deal" when he was fired as the town manager the year before.

When elected, Caba said he held no grudges and looked forward to harmony as a member of the Agawam Town Council.

In my estimation, Caba has not accomplished one positive thing since becoming a member of the Agawam Town Council. I defy him to prove otherwise.

He was appointed to serve on the budget committee for the Police Department by Town Council President Andrew C. Gallano. As a regular attendee of these meetings, I witnessed Caba repeatedly request information already given to him - a tactic used to knit-pick at even the smallest details concerning the Police Department.

Another example is his vehement dissent on converting the former Peirce Elementary School into the new Police Department and town emergency center. He recently called the renovation process "a disgrace." The town administration, with the strong support of the council, has supported this conversion, despite Caba's repeated attempts to thwart the process, both on and off the council floor.

One of the reasons Caba was fired as the town manager was due to a contract he signed with a local

architect concerning the construction of a new town complex (Police and Fire Station were included). This contract, according to records at Town Hall, was dated December 14th, 1981, but wasn't filed with the Town Clerk until August 30th, 1984.

Several of Caba's colleagues on the council recently called his contract with the architect a "secret deal."

Massachusetts General Laws 41, Section 17, states a municipal contract should be filed with the town clerk within a week after execution.

In conclusion, any town councilor has the right to dissent; to gather information; and to voice his/her opinion on important issues to the town. But Caba has gone too far.

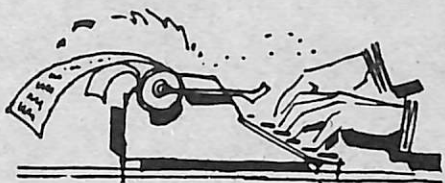
When he voiced his charter objection December 1st, council President Andrew C. Gallano allowed it, later saying his ruling was based on the town-charter and principle.

As for the town charter, perhaps it's time to seriously consider this action called the charter objection. As for principle, 10 councilors, or two-thirds, voted against Gallano's ruling to uphold the charter objection. They all knew what was going on; the spirit of the law was not being obeyed. Voting against Gallano's ruling was their way of saying that charter objections were initiated by the former Charter Commission, of which Gallano was chairman, for information purposes only - not as a filibuster.

So, the council voted 13-2 in favor of the two new police administrators. Caba was one of the dissenters.

The next day, the town attorney ruled Gallano was correct in upholding the charter objection. The council must vote again on the two police administrators. So much for principle.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Moreno & Citizens For Good Govt. Slam Peirce School Renovations

To The Editor:

We, the "citizens of Good Government" of Agawam have been keeping tract of the goings on in the affairs of the Town of Agawam, lately.

We have come upon some odoriferous machinations that we believe to be criminal. What we know is only the surface view.

Our target, or at least one of our targets, is the conversion of the (formerly) Peirce School on Springfield Street to a police station.

The building committee appointed by the previous manager consists of two councilors and a member of the Board of Registrars. They are paid, elected, and appointed officials.

It is our combined opinion that these officials are in a position of conflict. Criminally so.

They have presented a proposal to the council, and voted for their proposal, and then proposed an appropriation of \$75,000 for the committee. The committee also voted for the appropriation.

The committee then proceeded to spend the \$75,000. They did the labor in the station; they purchased thousands of dollars of materials; and they spent money for subcontract work, with no accounting, no insurance protection, and without benefit of the legal bid process.

They did not use the proper consideration of using an architect to design the building, get the approval by vote of the council, nor did they get cost estimates.

They and their method finally flopped.

They again went to the council, without benefit of the processes, and voted with the council to appropriate \$300,000 to complete the work.

The town manager was finally apprised of the fact that unless the proper steps were taken and received, a professional design, provide a bid process etc., they could not take proper action.

They set out to appropriate the balance to provide a total of \$600,000, this they did, then they, all, proceeded to take all the steps necessary, the manager, the attorney, and the council. The vote they took included the two council members of the committee. But when

the bids came in, the low bid was \$1.1 million, \$500,000 above their estimate.

Now comes the most preposterous game displayed so far by these public servants. We will describe it.

The manager, the appointing authority, knew and knows that the three members of the building committee are in conflict.

The town attorney knows it all, and the 15-member Town Council knew and know the three members are in conflict.

Our town charter makes very clear where the responsibility lies, it states under Section 3-4 under (L): **"He (manager) shall see that all the provisions of the general laws, of the charter, and of votes of the Town Council, which require enforcement by him or officers subject to his direction and supervision, are faithfully carried out by him."**

Yet, at the last council meeting, these three illegal members of the building committee were voted to again go out on their own and redesign, receive new bids, on their own, thereby condoning and compounding an act that borders on the criminal (the council members in question also voted for same).

There is deep concern by us and unnamed councilors who are deeply concerned because of the spending of about \$100,000, without an accounting and by lack of bidding, and the hard question of how much money was paid to the councilors for their labor, if any. There is also a cloud on the actions of the architect.

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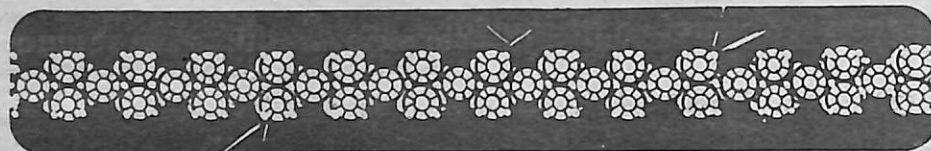
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Melconian Vows To Push Efforts For Route 57 Project

State Senator Linda J. Melconian announced today that she will put on an all-out "full court press" to overcome the last and final Federal hurdle before construction can begin on completion of the 4.5 mile Route 57 bypass.

"It's time to urge the Federal Government to act in the best interest of Western Massachusetts," stated Senator Melconian. "The Federal Environmental Protection Agency, on behalf of the Federal Fish and Wildlife Agency, has balked in submitting its approval to the Corps of Engineers so that the essential 404 permit can be granted to the state.

"Without this permit, the Corps of Engineers will not approve the Route 57 project, even though the Federal Highway Administration, the other key federal agency involved, has already given the green light for completion of the bypass," said Senator Melconian.

Senator Melconian added, "I find it reprehensible that these federal agencies have placed more stringent requirements on this project than either our own State Department of Environmental Quality Engineers or the Federal Highway Administration. It appears EPA and Federal Fish and Wildlife are placing more emphasis on the wood duck, whose habitat is Leonard Pond (South West Street), than on protecting the lives and safety of those residents who live and travel along the Route 57 corridor," observed Senator Melconian.

Senator Melconian further stated that the red light which the Federal Government has placed on the project is "not unusual"; rather, it is the norm for these agencies to oppose these kinds of projects throughout the entire country where wetlands, such as Leonard Pond, are involved. "Yet, it is not unreasonable or impossible to develop and submit minor changes which would alleviate the opposition," pointed out Senator Melconian.

"In recent days, I have been in contact with all the key state officials involved in this project, including Department of Public Works Commissioner Robert Tierney, and Transportation Secretary Fred Salvucci. All have reaffirmed to me not only their own department's firm commitment, but also the staunch support of the Route 57 bypass," concluded Senator Melconian.

Officials have also pledged that they will work closely with State Representative Michael Walsh and I to do "whatever is necessary" to see this project through to its completion.

"In the next two weeks I will be meeting with these state officials, and I will be in Washington to discuss this project with our federal representatives to determine the best course of action to secure the Federal 404 permit. I expect an answer before Christmas.

"As we push to secure federal support to move forward, I will also push for the placement of temporary signalization at two very dangerous intersections on the present Route 57: one to be located at the intersection of Poplar and Mill Streets, the scene of many accidents and fatalities; and also, one at the intersection of Springfield and Mill Streets, where the most recent fatality has occurred.

"We must have these signalizations in place until Route 57 is completed to protect the lives and safety of the residents who live along this road, and to safeguard the commuters who daily travel the dangerous Route 57 corridor," emphasized Senator Melconian.

"The whole Route 57 effort has been a team effort. We have all had to work together to reach the present status. It is imperative that we continue to work cooperatively to secure the successful completion of this bypass.

"I urge all of you concerned citizens who have contacted me in the past to put forth the same effort in contacting your federal representative, to push for the issuance of the 404 permit and the speedy completion of the Route 57 bypass," concluded the Senator.

Springfield Chamber Appoints New CEO

James L. Shriver, plant manager of Monsanto Electronic Materials Company of St. Peters, Missouri, has been named president and chief executive officer of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

The announcement was made December 4th by Chamber board Chairman Benjamin F. Jones, Monarch Capital Corporation. "We are delighted to see our search process come to such a successful conclusion," said Jones. "The decision was a difficult one, as our search committee has the good fortune to review a number of well-qualified candidates. Jim Shriver will do an effective job for the Chamber."

Shriver served as plant manager of Monsanto's Springfield-based Plastics Division Plant from 1977 to 1982, and was board chairman of the Greater Springfield Chamber from 1980 to 1981.

"We view Jim's assignment as a continuation of Monsanto's commitment to civic and social responsibility, particularly in those communities in which we reside," said James E. Springgate, president of the Missouri-based Monsanto Electronic Company. "He will certainly be missed, but I know his many friends and business associates will be pleased that he has accepted such a challenging opportunity in Springfield."

Shriver may join the Chamber as early as January 1st. He will replace Paul J. Greeley, who has served as interim president of the Chamber since September 1986.

Shriver joined Monsanto upon his 1955 graduation from the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh. While a resident of the Springfield area, he was involved in a wide range of business and civic programs, and was awarded the "Keys to the City of Springfield" in 1982 in recognition of his multiple contributions to the community.

Members of the Chamber's search committee who assisted in the selection process were: John Gallup, Strathmore Paper Company; Benjamin F. Jones, Gordon N. Oaks, Jr., Monarch Capital Corporation; Hamilton Doherty, Bulkley Richardson & Gelin; Gloria S. Hayes, Community Savings Bank; Frank R. Locke, Northeast Utilities; Michael D. Daly, Baystate Medical Center; and John M. Ryan, Cooper & Lybrand.

FEEDING HILLS PROJECT - From Page 5...

The project includes construction of a 151,000 square-foot building that will have a covered courtyard, and a 16,000 square-foot building for professional offices. Two other buildings are also slated to be built on the 20-acre site.

The project will allow for 870 parking spaces.

A major supermarket chain has expressed interest in the site, according to Pacella. There is a 55,000 square-foot spot that would accommodate a large grocery store, as well as smaller spaces for specialty shops, according to plans.

Pacella said negotiations are currently underway with a hardware store, pharmacy, and an Italian specialty store. Pacella said he feels a shopping plaza will be better for this area than small individual stores.

Receives Support

Several councilors who attended the press conference applauded the plan. Councilor Donald Rheault said, "I think it (the shopping plaza) will be an answer to some of the problems with the traffic. It may even expedite the Route 57 extension project."

Councilor David Skolnick feels the plaza will be good "for a community growing as quickly as Feeding Hills."

Building Inspector Conte said the planned plaza "has impressed me more than any other proposed projects over the past 20 years. I believe it will create traffic patterns better than the ones that presently exist in the area."

MONEY \$ENSE

by Charles Alvanos
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How Tax Reform Will Affect You - Don't Sit Back

If you're like many Americans, you're probably wondering how tax reform will affect you and whether it means more money in your pocket and less in Uncle Sam's. Sitting back and waiting to see what happens won't help.

Prepare a projection of your 1986 taxable income and deductions. Determine what your taxable income and corresponding tax bracket will be in 1986, and try to project your 1987 income deductions and tax bracket. By shifting deductions and income, you can take advantage of the resulting tax brackets.

If your 1986 tax bracket will be lower than your projections for 1987, or if you find that you're in an Alternative Minimum Tax situation, where income is taxed at a relatively low rate of 20 percent, you may want to accelerate income into this year and defer certain deductions into next year.

People with higher 1986 tax brackets should defer taxable income into next year, since their personal income tax rates may be lower. They should also consider accelerating this year's deductions.

Deductions to concentrate on are state and local sales taxes, consumer interest payment deductions, and medical, and miscellaneous expenses, since they will be eliminated or more difficult to take after December 31st, 1986.

Another deduction to look at is charitable contributions. This deduction will still be permitted under the new tax bill, but only to those who itemize their deductions.

Gifts of appreciated property will result in new preference items to be included in the alternative minimum tax computation after 1986. This provision should limit the tax saving of a gift to 21 percent of the gift's cost basis.

Other deductions to consider are state estimated income tax payments, real estate, and personal property taxes. Taxpayers should consider making January payments by December 31st, because these could be worth more in 1986 than in 1987.

The second step in year-end tax planning strategies is to assess capital gains on investments.

Beginning in January 1987, realized long-term capital gains will be taxed at the same rate as all other income. To take advantage of the relatively lower tax rate, taxpayers should consider selling profitable investments that they have held for more than six months.

Another area to review is retirement funding. The tax reform bill will affect the most popular plans: IRAs and 401(k)s.

Currently, anyone who is employed or has their own business may deduct as much as \$2,000 a year for an IRA contribution and as much as \$2,250 when a non-working spouse has an established IRA.

Under the new law, however, married couples with an adjusted gross income exceeding \$50,000 will no longer be able to take a deduction for an IRA, if one or both are covered by an employer's pension plan.

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Agawam Obituaries

Albert E. Farrows

Albert E. Farrows, 83, of 244 Colemore Street, Feeding Hills, a retired mechanic for the New England Door Closing Company, died at home.

Born in New Boston, Connecticut, he had lived in Agawam 32 years. He previously worked as an automobile mechanic and retired in 1968. His wife, the former Bessie Jarvis, died in 1982.

He leaves two daughters, Carlene Ambrose of Springfield, and Janice Hunt of South Hadley; a sister, Bertha Miller of East Woodstock, Connecticut; six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones Funeral Home, Agawam, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills. Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Gaston J. Cote

Gaston J. Cote, 92, formerly of 56 Edward Street, a foreman at the former Springfield Armory, died in a local nursing home. He was also a self-employed carpenter for many years.

Born in Bristol, Connecticut, he lived in Springfield many years, before moving to Agawam in 1966. He was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Carmela "Alice" Cellilli, and a sister, Alice Reece of Suffield.

The funeral was at Tazzini Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, all in Springfield.

Jennie M. Martin

Jennie M. (Moore) Castle Martin, 77, of 16 Valentine Street, died in Noble Hospital.

Born in Holyoke, she lived in Southwick most of her life and moved to Agawam in 1978. She was a direct descendant of William Bradford, John Webster and Noah Webster. She was a member of the Springfield Kennel Club, and showed dogs in Canada and Bermuda. She was also a member of the Southwick American Legion Auxiliary and the Southwick Veteran's of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

Her first husband, Herbert B. Castle, died in 1944. Her second husband, Theodore C. Martin, died in 1982.

She leaves a son, Richard H. Castle of Huntington; a daughter, Bettie Castle Wolfe of Southwick; two sisters, Flora M. Kelleher of Springfield, and Gloria M. Campbell of Enfield, and two grandchildren.

There was no funeral service. Burial was in New Cemetery, Southwick. Healey-Pease Funeral Home,

Westfield, is in charge. Memorial contributions may be made to Concerned Citizens for Animals, Granville, MA, 01034.

George M. Halbardier

George M. Halbardier, 52, of Agawam, a retired Air Force master sergeant, died at the Newington Veterans Administration Hospital in Newington, Connecticut.

He was born in Fall River.

Since his retirement, he was employed at Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee as a federal police officer.

He was a life member, former commander, and quartermaster of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1632 of Agawam. He was deputy chief of staff of the Department of Massachusetts, VFW. He was a member of Wilson Thompson Post 185, the American Legion, of Agawam, and the Interstate Police Officers Association.

He is survived by his mother, Blanche (Dupont) Halbardier of Fall River; a sister, Lucille Conroy of Warwick, Rhode Island; a brother, Ronald A. of Tiverton, Rhode Island; and several nephews and nieces.

The funeral was at the Boule Funeral Home, 615 Broadway, with a funeral Mass in St. Anne's Church, both in Fall River. Burial was in Notre Dame Cemetery, Fall River.

Harold R. Oppenheimer

Harold R. Oppenheimer, 80, of 122 Edwards Street, a nine-year local sales representative for Vernon Company of Newton, Iowa, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

Born in Springfield, he graduated from Classical High School there. He lived in West Springfield two years before moving to Agawam 36 years ago. He previously worked with Osborne Kemper Thomas Corporation of Cincinnati, and Brown and Bigelow Company in Minnesota. Before that, he worked at Oppenheimer Insurance Company of Springfield, which had been established by his father.

He was a charter member of the Agawam Rotary Club, a member of the Springfield Exchange Club, and a vice president of the Springfield Symphony Chorus. He was also a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Longmeadow.

He leaves his wife, Hazel G. Peck-Oppenheimer; two sons, Frank L. Peck, and Dr. (Colonel) Robert G. Oppenheimer; a daughter, Kim Wadleigh; 10 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery, Springfield.

Funeral Director Forastiere Attends National Conference

Frank A. Forastiere of Colonial Funeral Home, 985 Main Street, Agawam, recently participated in the National Funeral Directors' Association Annual Conference. The meeting, held in Orlando, Florida, attracted nearly 6,000 funeral service professionals from across the nation.

Forastiere, a member of the Massachusetts Funeral Directors' Association, participated in the many educational workshops presented by the organization during the six-day session.

Guest speakers include Harriet Sarnoff Schiff, who discussed the importance of including two often over-looked group of mourners - friends and step-relatives - in funerals and ceremonies;

Iris Bolton, who reviewed grief reactions of suicide survivors; William Lamer, a nationally-recognized psychiatrist addressed bereavement issues specific to children; and Sherokee Ilse, executive director of the Pregnancy and Infant Loss Center, who dealt with the need for family members confrontation and validation of perinatal loss.

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Single individuals with an adjusted gross income over \$35,000 will also be excluded if they are covered by a pension. Only those unable to participate in an employer sponsored pension plan, or make a maximum of \$40,000 as a married couple, or a maximum of \$25,000 as an individual, will retain the full deduction.

Those who find that they fall in-between the cut-off points for determining eligibility and are covered by a pension plan will find that their available deduction will be phased out.

Those who find themselves excluded from this deduction can still contribute to an IRA and benefit from the tax deferred income these accounts generate.

The 401(k) retirement savings plan has also received much attention under the tax reform measure. Beginning in 1987, the maximum contribution will be restricted to \$7,000, down from \$30,000. Those who are eligible to contribute to IRAs will have to choose between the two programs that will offer a better tax deduction and a better retirement plan.

Three tips for 1986 retirement planning: take advantage of eligibility to participate in any retirement plan for tax deductions this year; open a new plan that is still available under the tax reform act; and if retired, defer taxable distributions from your retirement plans, when possible, to save tax dollars under the lower 1987 and future tax brackets.

Now is the most important time to plan your upcoming tax strategies. Tax reform does not necessarily mean that tax burdens will be lowered. But if you plan now, you can maximize your after-tax income under the new law.

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Legion Welcomes Poster Child



WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS MARCH OF DIMES Poster Child Christian Lalli, son of Nate & Christine Lalli of Springfield, is greeted by Agawam American Legion member Angelo Fiorentino (left) and William Poirier. Fiorentino is handing Christian a donation to the charity. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Annual Rosary Altar Society Holiday Bazaar



ROSE MERCADANTE (left), chairwoman of the Christmas Booth, pictured with Rose Moccio, president of the Rosary Altar Society, at the Holiday Bazaar at Sacred Heart Church, Saturday, December 6th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



NANCY DOUCETTE (left) and MARY LADNER sell homemade dolls at the Sacred Heart Church Holiday Bazaar, Saturday, December 6th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR, Saturday, December 6th, sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, Alice Collins and Jackie Jendza put the final touches on a small Christmas tree that was on display throughout the day-long event.

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MARY DAIGNEAU turned 85 recently and was feted by her entire family.

Maud Daigneau Feted At 85th Birthday Party

A surprise birthday party was celebrated for Maud Daigneau at the home of her son, Giles A. Daigneau, 616 Mill Street, to celebrate her 85th birthday.

In attendance were Mrs. Daigneau's sons, Arthur, Earl, and Allen of Agawam; Giles of Feeding Hills; and Paul of Wood's Hole, Cape Cod. Also, her daughter, Marie McDonnell of Agawam, who she resides with, and Pat Violitte of Westfield.

Mrs. Daigneau had six sons in the armed forces. She has 24 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. About 80 guests attended the birthday party.

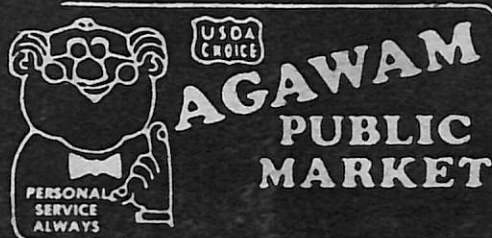
Born in Indian Orchard, she has been a life-long resident of Agawam, except for a few years spent in Webster, Massachusetts. She was married for 50 years to the late Edward A. Daigneau.



THE SONS & DAUGHTERS OF MAUD DAIGNEAU attended an 85th birthday party in her honor at the home of Giles A. Daigneau. Her children include Arthur, Earl, Allen, Giles, and Paul Daigneau; and daughters Marie McDonnell and Pat Violitte.

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AHS Class Of 1981 Gathers For 5-Year Reunion



A LARGE GATHERING of classmates attended the five-year reunion of the Agawam High Class of 1981 at East Mountain Country Club on Thanksgiving Weekend. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CLASS OF 1981 REUNION COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Chris Norman, Nancy O'Keefe, Lisa Ghedi, Beth Golemo, Judy Fergeson, Wendy Czerpak, Michael Knight, Christine Liquori, Patty Cavallo, and Dawn Negrucci. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

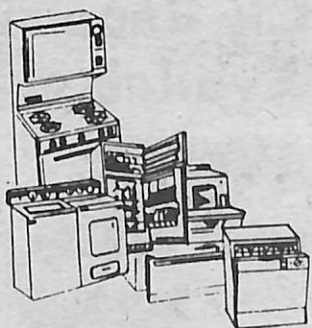


CLASSMATES WHO TRAVELED the farthest to attend the five-year class reunion, from left - Todd Rovelli (Providence), Denise Favreau (Houston), Patrice Ross (Providence), and David Hanson (Penn State). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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ALISON JACKOBK turned six years-old, Tuesday, December 2nd, and she invited all of her friends to a birthday party at McDonald's Restaurant in her honor the following day. Alison is the daughter of Carl & Ann Jackobek. Ann is employed by the *Advertiser News*.



Christmas In Sweden Begins Celebration With St. Lucia Fest

Soon, the Christmas Season will be here. Christmas will be celebrated in various ways across our land, in our homes, and in our local organizations.

The celebration of Christmas in Sweden in actually beginning with the first Sunday in Advent. These four weeks prior to Christmas is a time for preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

The homes must be sparkling and every corner polished. Baking, cooking, sewing, giftmaking, decorating, wrapping, etc., must be completed. But the Advent Season is also a time for personal preparation and meditation.

Families gather for Bible reading and devotions. On the first Sunday in Advent, an Advent star is seen in the window of most Swedish homes. The lit star is quietly renewing the message about the star that glitters in the East on that first Christmas Night. The Advent candleholder with the four candles is featured as a centerpiece.

When the family gathers, one candle is lit on the first Sunday, two the second, and so forth. Then on Christmas Day, four new candles are being lit in celebration of the meaning of Christmas.

December 13th is the next "big day" during the Christmas Season. This is the day of Santa Lucia. The legend of Santa Lucia begins back in the 4th century. Lucia was a native of Sicily, which was at that time under the Roman Empire. All the subjects of the Roman Empire were forbidden to practice the Christian faith. However, some people did practice their faith and met regularly, in secret, to share in worship and communion. Lucia was one of those Christians who practiced her faith in secret.

Lucia was engaged to a rich nobleman who was not a Christian. One day, Lucia was caught as she was sharing bread and wine (and even the money that was supposed to be part of his dowry), with her fellow Christians. As was the custom in those days, she was sentenced to be burned. However, it is said that the flames would not consume her, so she was stabbed with a sword. (This is why she has a crown of candles on her head and a red sash at her waist.)

The story of the martyr Lucia was brought to the Viking lands by Christian missionaries. Legend has it that Lucia was seen visiting the poor and needy, sharing her light, food, and hot drinks.

One reason for this legend's popularity in Sweden is the fact that her Saint's Day, December 13th, falls during the darkest time of the year. The lights from her crown of candles are most welcome.

Each year, the people of Sweden elect their own "Lucia Queen" from a number of candidates. "Lucia" is then performed at many events where goodwill is needed, including children's hospitals and nursing homes.

There are many versions of Santa Lucia, including her wearing candles in her hair so that she could use both hands to bring food and hot drinks to the poor in the catacombs in Sicily.

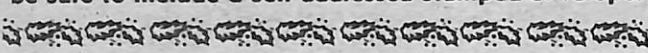
Also, where there was a famine in the Province of Varmland, she appeared on the bow of a ship coming across Lake Vanen, wearing a crown of lights and bearing wheat and food to the people of Varmland.

Anyone interested in preserving their Swedish or Scandinavian heritage, and would like to become a part of the Vasa organization, may contact John E. Sjöberg (West Springfield), chairman of Brage-Iduna Lodge 9, Vasa Order of America, a Swedish-American fraternal and cultural organization, 739-5775 or 734-7652, or Mable Fitzgerald in Agawam, 786-0205.

"Letters To Santa Claus" Accepted By Junior Women

The Agawam Junior Women's Club has a direct line to Santa Claus, and letters can be sent to: **Santa Claus, c/o 24 Tanglewood Drive, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030.**

Letters will be answered!
Santa would love to hear from all boys and girls. Just be sure to include a self-addressed stamped envelope.



For all the hometown news, townsfolk turn our pages...



Alison Jackobek Celebrates Two Birthday Parties

Most birthdays are celebrated with one special day each year. But one "special" little girl had two birthday parties.

Alison Jackobek, daughter of Carl & Ann Jackobek of 61 Meadowbrook Road, Agawam, turned six years-old December 2nd, and had a family party, including her sister, Karen.

The following day, December 3rd, Alison invited 13 classmates and friends to a party at McDonald's Restaurant. The party included games, a birthday cake, and a visit by AAN photographer Jack Devine.

Alison is a kindergarten student at Phelps School.

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ANTHONY J. FORASTIERE

Holiday Party Scheduled By Springfield Prof. Women

Springfield Business and Professional Women's Club will hold its Annual Holiday Party at the Yankee Pedlar Inn, Northampton Street, Holyoke, December 16th.

Beginning with a social hour at 6:00 p.m., the event includes dinner at 6:30 p.m., and "Christmas Around the World" at 8:00 p.m. Pianist Christopher Quinn, a teacher at Westfield State College and MacDuffie School for Girls, will provide traditional holiday music.

Tickets, which include a choice of London broil or broiled scrod, are \$20 per person. The price includes a donation to the club's scholarship fund. The public is cordially invited to attend.

For more information, call Diane Holman, 733-1613, during business hours.

Forastiere Honored By Springfield UNICO

Unico National of Springfield selected Anthony J. Forastiere, chairman of the board of Forastiere, Southwick, and Colonial Funeral Homes of Greater Springfield as Unico's 'Distinguished Service Award Recipient for 1986.' The annual award is presented to an individual club member who through past or present involvement in chapter activities benefited the many charitable and civic organizations Unico contributes to on a yearly basis.

A Christmas dinner honored Forastiere December 10th, at Chez Josef. A plaque commemorating Forastiere's many years of service to Springfield Unico was presented.

Forastiere graduated from Central High School, located on State Street, and American International College in Springfield. He received a degree as a licensed funeral director and embalmer from The New England Institute of Anatomy and Embalming in Boston.

Forastiere officially joined the family business in 1933, serving as president from 1940 to 1976. Forastiere's parents, Frank & Carmela (Troiano) established "The Frank M. Forastiere & Sons Funeral Home," on the corner of Columbus Avenue and Water Street in Springfield's South End (1905).

In 1927, the company moved to its present location on Locust Street. Carmela (Troiano) Forastiere was the first woman embalmer to be licensed in Springfield.

"Today, 30 percent of the State's embalmers are women, with a projected growth of an additional 30 percent by 1990," said Forastiere. Forastiere joined Springfield Unico in the mid 1950's. During that time, he served on all standing committees for the organization. He also served on special fundraising committees sponsored by the local chapter to benefit specific charitable causes in the Greater Springfield area.

Forastiere also served as a committee member for Unico's Annual "Man Of The Year" Dinner Dance,

which raises 50 percent of all monies dispersed to local organizations. Forastiere, through his many years of service and commitment to the chapter, has perpetuated the purpose of Unico, unity, neighborly, integrity, charity and opportunity to those less fortunate in our community.

"Mr. Forastiere is an individual who gives freely of his time and energy, remembering his moral responsibility to give of himself so others can advance," said Springfield Unico President Silvio Ciurleo. Forastiere's involvement with the Unico Club of Springfield includes his firm commitment to the Italian-American community of Springfield.

Presently, he serves on the board of directors of the newly established Italian Cultural Center of Springfield. Forastiere was an originator of the United Italian-American Societies and Clubs of Greater Springfield, which annually sponsors Springfield's Columbus Day Parade.

Today, the United Italian-American Clubs maintains a membership of 22 Italian-American organizations. Forastiere chaired the planning committee for the 100th anniversary of the unification of Italy in 1961. The anniversary celebration was held in Springfield and 800 residents attended to honor the Ambassador to Italy and then Governor John Volpe.

Forastiere maintains memberships with the Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus Williams Assembly (4th degree), Knights of Columbus Gaspar Bertoni Council, the Agawam Organ Club, and the Sons of Italy Lodge in Springfield. Forastiere served as president, treasurer, and financial secretary to the Fratellanza Society of Greater Springfield.

Forastiere is married to Sylvia Rita (Travaglia) Forastiere. They have five children and nine grandchildren. Forastiere is a life-long resident of Springfield.

Agawam Junior Women To Meet For Annual Xmas Party

On Tuesday, December 16th, at 7:30 p.m., the December meeting of the Agawam Junior Women's Club will be held at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam. There will be no program this month as the Junior's hold their Annual Club Christmas party.

Junior Women will be busy, thanks to Gail Pirnie, past club president, and now chairwoman of the Clearing-House Project. Needy families in Agawam will be receiving food baskets with goods baked by

club members, as well as Christmas gifts for children of these families. The baskets will be filled and delivered in time for the holidays.

The Junior's also plan a cookie exchange during the meeting, as well as a "Yankee Swap" for gifts. A cloisonne jewelry sale will be held for last minute gift ideas.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club wishes all a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year!

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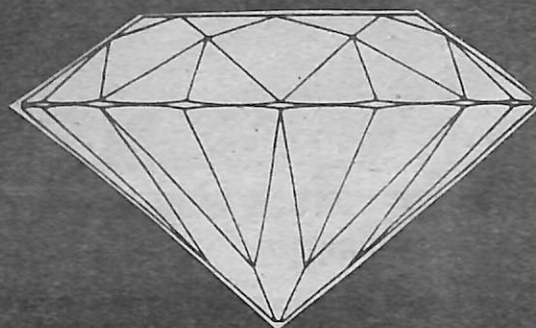




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A GROUP OF SENIOR CITIZENS RECENTLY VISITED Heritage Hall Nursing Home to entertain the residents with holiday songs...



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News photos by Jack Devine.



AIRMAN GARY R. SCOTT

Airman Gary R. Scott Graduates Basic Training

Airman Gary R. Scott, Jr., son of Gary R. & Cheryl D. Scott of 21 Valley Street, Agawam, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the community college of the Air Force.

Heritage Hall News

Thanksgiving Delights!

Residents of Heritage Hall enjoyed reading a variety of Thanksgiving Day poems. Their favorite was the "Thanksgiving of Pilgrims" and "Indians Feast." There were moments to reminisce of previous Thanksgiving dinners with family and friends.

It was also a special day for students and teachers of Robinson Park School in Agawam. Students worked diligently under the guidance of their teachers, displaying their talents making Thanksgiving Day cards for the residents of Heritage Hall.

The finished cards were delightful and the residents enjoyed them immensely.

Residents of Heritage Hall would like to express a warm thank-you to all the students and teachers of Robinson Park School who gave their talents and hearts to Heritage Hall so unselfishly.

Thanksgiving Tea

Recently, residents of Heritage Hall attended a Thanksgiving Tea. On this day, residents celebrated Thanksgiving and honored the residents who have celebrated their 90th birthday this year.

Roses, cards, and a birthday greeting from President Ronald Reagan, and his lively wife, Nancy, were presented to the residents.

Administrator Regina Bossig and the activity directors hosted the party.

Fresh and delicious cookies were served with tea and coffee. Residents and staff wished each other a Happy Thanksgiving and all who attended had a great time.

Decorating Begins

On Thursday morning, volunteers Mae Laffert, and Paul & Sophie Martin assisted residents and Activity Director Kathy Newman in welcoming the beginning of the holiday season. Residents and volunteers gathered in the Activity Room for decorating and caroling. Everyone who participated could feel the spirit of Christmas being reborn for another year at Heritage Hall.

Residents and staff would like to express a warm thank-you to the volunteers who donated their time and talents helping decorate the home.

Cub Scouts Visit

On Friday evening, Cub Scout Troop 793 arrived at Heritage Hall, accompanied by troop leader Kathy Wesson to display the true meaning of Christmas to the residents. The cub scouts visited, room-by-room, wishing "Happy Holidays" to all, and giving each resident a small gift they had made.

Residents and staff would like to extend a special thank-you to the cub scout troop and their leader for the generosity they gave to them.

New Addition

Heritage Hall would like to welcome their new occupational therapist, Debbie Bousquet, from Southbridge. Debbie is a graduate of Southbridge High School and attended Quinsigamond College in Worcester, for her degree.

Debbie's hobbies are reading, water skiing, and traveling. She belongs to Operation Friendship, which resulted in her visiting Ireland for three weeks. Debbie enjoyed the trip and the opportunity to compare customs and traditions. Debbie has traveled extensively all over the United States. She is certainly a pleasant and welcome addition to our campus.

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HERITAGE HALL - From Page 18...**Success Is Great!**

On Saturday, November 22nd, the four buildings of Heritage Hall Campus held their Annual Holiday Bazaars. The participation of residents, staff, and community was tremendous.

Heritage Hall would like to express a special thank-you to all volunteers, staff, and family members for their donations and help in making the bazaars a success.

"Employee of the Month"

Wednesday afternoon, Heritage Hall honored the employee for the Month of December at a party attended by staff and residents.

"Employee of the Month" was Nancy Dybas from the Dietary Department. Administrator Connie Henning presented Nancy with a corsage of pink tea roses and a \$50 award. Next month, the "Employee of the Month" will be chosen from the Housekeeping Department.

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK!**Peg Fanning**

Peg Fanning was born and raised in Springfield. She attended the Springfield School System. Peg obtained a position with Buxton Company when they were located in Springfield.

She continued employment with the company when they later relocated to Agawam. Peg retired from Buxton after 18 years of employment. Peg married Bud Fanning and they enjoyed 28 years of marriage. Peg has one son, Bill, who resides with his wife, Betty, and family in Agawam. Peg has two grandchildren. Her grandson, Bill, resides in Boston, and is employed by a film company, and her granddaughter, Ellen, is a 1986 graduate of Framingham State College, who is now employed in Natick by a local newspaper.

Peg enjoys the many visits from her loving family. Heritage Hall is glad she choose to make her home with us.

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK!**Adele Papuzynski Bara**

Adele Papuzynski Bara was born in Chicopee, on September 9th, 1915. She grew-up and resided in Chicopee until she married her husband, the late Joseph Bara, Sr. They relocated to West Springfield, where they resided for over 40 years.

Joseph & Adele were members of Saint Ann's Church on Memorial Avenue for many years. Adele was also a member of the Holy Rosary Sodality. Adele has four children; three sons and one daughter. Two sons, Donald and Edward, live in West Springfield, and Joseph Jr., resides in North Carolina. Daughter Joanna Fazio lives in Feeding Hills.

She has 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Adele also has a surviving brother, Max Papuzynski, and a sister, Mae Langevin, both of Springfield. She has been a resident of Heritage Hall for the last four years. Adele enjoys bingo, bowling, and horseshoes. She leads an active life participating in many other programs and functions throughout the year.

FIRE-WISE

by Rusty Jenks - Agawam Fire Chief

Be Careful With That Cozy Fireplace

A fireplace, with a dancing fire, lends a cozy feeling to any home, especially on a cold, blustery day. Fireplaces and other wood-burning equipment can provide efficient heat, too. But they can spell tragedy if you're not careful. The Agawam Fire Department wants you to protect yourself, your family, and your home with these safety tips:

Keep tight-fitting screens or glass doors in front of fireplace openings to prevent sparks from flying out. Keep papers, furniture, and other things that might burn away from the front of the fireplace. Don't leave children alone in a room where a fire is burning. And never burn while you are out or asleep.

A wood-burning heating system or device should be safe, economical, efficient, easy to use, and attractive to look at. No system is fireproof. Have your system installed by a reputable professional and have it inspected by the Agawam Fire Department before you use it. Keep small children from being burned by a wood-burning stove by purchasing and installing retaining screens made especially for that purpose.

Although proper installation can help prevent a fire, know what to do if one does happen. Know the signs of a chimney fire: a loud roar, sucking sounds, and shaking pipes. Make sure your entire family knows what to do. If you think you have a chimney fire, cut off the fire's air supply by putting any air intake vents in the firebox. Close the damper.

Everyone should leave the house immediately and call the fire department from a neighbor's home or other nearby telephone. Practice fire drills so that everyone knows at least two different ways out of the house.

Dispose of ashes by placing them in **metal** containers; never in paper or plastic bags, or cardboard boxes. Ashes can hold enough heat to start a fire for several days. Wet the ashes and make sure they are cold.

Keep the home fires burning safely this winter.

All the hometown news...



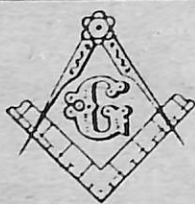
BROWNIE TROOP 543 OF ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL, Sue Meunier, troop leader, recently paid a visit to Heritage Hall Nursing Home, for a program with the residents. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ADELE PAPUZYNSKI BARA, "Resident of The Week."



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News, Activities At Agawam Senior Center

Cancelled—the Stay-Well Clinic listed in the Senior Scene for December 22nd. The next date will be announced later.

The Council on Aging **"Handyman Program"** is designed to assist elder Agawam homeowners to maintain their independence by remaining in their homes. Retired persons who have special skills and experience in home maintenance are sought to provide the needed assistance to the homeowners.

For example, electricians, plumbers, carpenters, and all-round handymen are invited to contact Richard Mundo at the center, 786-0400, extension 242. If you have some skills or enjoy doing odd jobs, let the Senior Center know when you can be available. Homeowners in need of assistance are invited to call the Senior Center.

Senior Center Matinees. The first of the winter movie programs at the Senior Center will be held the week of January 12th, on either Tuesday or Thursday. Watch for the exact date. The movie to be shown will be a bit of a surprise, but will be one of the following: *"The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pitman"*,

"Butterflies Are Free," "HUD," "Diary of Anne Frank," or National Velvet."

If you have seen these, don't miss the chance to enjoy them again. And, of course, if you have never seen them, this is a great opportunity to make up for lost time.

Silver Star Players are going to the Shriner's Hospital and the Pediatric Unit of Baystate Medical Center December 22nd to bring special Christmas entertainment to the children. This project is made possible through the generosity of U.S. Express, who is providing the transportation as a good-will gesture to several regional senior centers.

Bob Bernier, a member of the Players and the center's own Santa Claus, will be a part of the group. Santa would like to take Christmas cards from Agawam seniors when he goes to the hospitals. Please bring your cards to the center by Friday, December 19th, and he will put them in his bag for distribution to the children.

December 23rd Christmas Party at the Senior Center. The special menu will feature juice, pot roast, vegetables, ice cream, and

"Fats" Daniels and his band will be on hand to entertain.

The listed menus for the 23rd and 24th are being reversed. On the 24th, when the center will close early, the menu will have the quiche. Please note this change on your menu listing.

Boston Flower Show. March is a long way away, but reservations are open at the ticket booth for a trip to the Flower Show in Boston, Thursday, March 19th. Besides the Flower Show, there will be time for shopping and eating at Quincy Market. The bus will leave Country View at 7:30 a.m., and the center at 8:00 a.m., with approximate time for return at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$19 per person, which includes admission to the show, bus transportation, taxes, and gratuities. Any meals are on your own.

A Reminder—The regular classes at the Senior Center will take a holiday break during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's. Classes will resume the week of January 5th, continuing to January 30th, when the first semester ends.

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Golden Agers Chapter I Holds Annual Christmas Party



AGAWAM GOLDEN AGERS enjoying their Annual Christmas Party at Chez Josef. From left - Ruby Sartori, Lil Nannini, and Florence Wojnarowicz. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.



MARY GREDRICH and **MARY DEMER-SKY** pictured at the Annual Christmas Party of the Agawam Golden Age Club. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.



GOLDEN AGERS at the head table. Back row, from left - Edythe Coughlin, Nellie Organek, Edward Organek, Odette Benjamin. Front row - Flory Scorzafava, Olive Scorzafava, Caroline Vancini, and Madelyn Harper. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Community Grange To Gather For Annual Xmas Party

The Community Grange 382 will meet Tuesday, December 16th, at 7:00 p.m., for its Annual Christmas Party. The Junior Grange, and children and grandchildren of Grange members, will be special guests at the party.

There will be a special program for the children and refreshments will follow.

For glossy copies of photos appearing in this edition, please call Jack Devine at his home, 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave a message.



AIRMAN MICHAEL H. STROM

Airman Michael H. Strom Graduates Basic Training

Airman Michael H. Strom, son of Pat J. Strom of 775 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

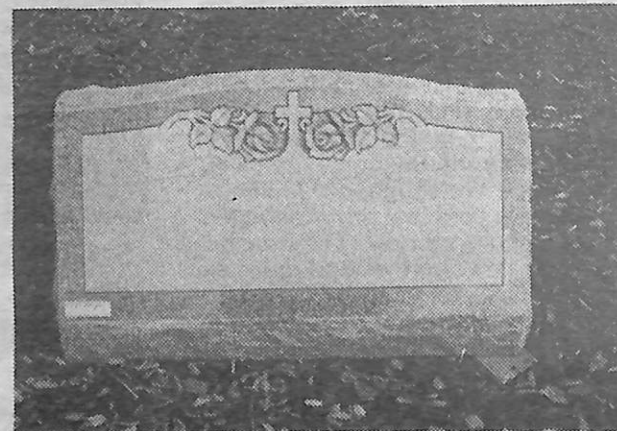
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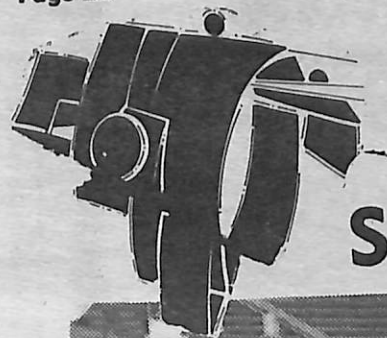
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Spotlight On Business...

Surprise! Hallmark Card & Gift Shoppe



SURPRISE! CARD & GIFT SHOPPE OWNERS AND OPERATORS, Barbara & Robert McElligott, purchased the store last June. The shelves have many new features since the McElligotts assumed ownership of the store, include Precious Moments dolls and figurines. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SURPRISE! CARD & GIFT SHOPPE'S loyal and helpful employees, from left - Peggy Saliba, Maria Burrows, and Janice Pomeroy. Mrs. Burrows is holding a stuffed animal, one of many on sale at Surprise!. The store is currently operating under extended hours for the convenience of holiday shoppers. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Surprise! Shoppe Offers Wonderful Array Of Gifts

by Jolece Orsucci
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Dolly Sisters Card and Gift Shop located at 838 Southgate Street, Agawam, in the Southgate Shopping Plaza, recently changed hands. Robert & Barbara McElligott of Westfield bought the shop last June and immediately assumed control of the operation.

Besides the name change and a stock revision, the shop remains the same. The McElligotts changed the name of the business to **Surprise! Hallmark Card and Gift Shop**, and added many new features to their shelves. Although Surprise! is not a franchise, Hallmark is its major card and gift supplier. The McElligotts filtered-out all greeting cards except Hallmark and Blue Mountain.

Mrs. McElligott explains, "We sought-out Hallmark because they are a leader in card and gift production. They're one of the most popular names." The store has also added Precious Moments figurines and dolls, exquisite brass gifts, and collector dolls by Lee Middleton, as well as other various producers to their shelves.

The shop carries reasonably priced 14kt gold and silver jewelry and gems. The store no longer sports costume jewelry, but focuses on the finer jewelry. Gift wrapping and free, 30-day layaway are also available to customers.

Without changing the structure of the store, the McElligotts feel they have subtly changed the look of the store. Mrs. McElligott states, "We want it to be a unique place to shop, so we're trying to supply the public with gifts that can't be found in department stores. What we're striving for is a quality gift store where you can find a quality gift for anyone for any occasion."

The store offers musicals, ballerina items for young dancers, a menagerie of stuffed animals, and books. For the holidays, the store is selling cards, ornaments, decorations, handmade wreaths, and locally-grown flowers.



SURPRISE! CARD & GIFT SHOPPE is located in the Southgate Shopping Plaza, next to D'Amours Big Y. It is owned and operated by Robert & Barbara McElligott of Westfield. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Mr. McElligott, who was a truck driver for UPS for 22 years, left his job to dedicate his efforts to the business, full-time. Mrs. McElligott, who is a nuclear medicine technologist at Noble Hospital, works at the shop part-time. The pair decided to open a card and gift shop several years ago.

The McElligotts agreed that it took time, work, and money to take over the business, but admits the project has been challenging and fun. "It's an entirely different field to go into," says Mrs. McElligott. "If everything goes OK, we'll keep the business."

Business has increased for the McElligotts since their takeover, and Mrs. McElligott credits the customers. "They are really encouraging and complimentary. We're looking forward to meeting more Agawam residents."

The McElligotts chose the shop next to the Big Y as

their location because they feel it is a growing part of Agawam. No further changes are planned besides an addition of crystal gifts, ranging in price from \$10 to \$100.

"Presumably, our stock will change as new trends in cards and gifts surface," explains Mrs. McElligott. The couple are trying to carry gifts for any occasion and will capitalize on every holiday.

The McElligotts have been married for 23 years. They have two children, Brian, 21, and Deborah, 18, both students at the University of Massachusetts. The children will be helping the McElligotts during the holiday season. Other employees include Maria Burrows, Peggy Saliba, Janice Pomeroy, and Kathy Wright.

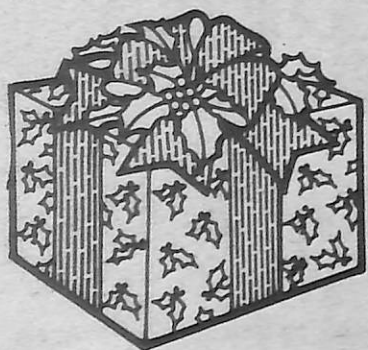
The store is open Monday to Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Sunday, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., as well as extended holiday hours.

Season's Greetings From The Retailers Of The AGAWAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS - Continued.....

Ames Christmas Scene...



ANDREW LAWSON was the artist responsible for that beautiful Christmas mural on the front window of Ames Department Store, located in the Southgate Shopping Plaza. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Video Data Services Opens Under Impoco Ownership

The opening of Video Data Services of Western Massachusetts brings the rapidly growing video taping business to the Western Massachusetts area. Mr. Anthony J. Impoco of Feeding Hills, president of the firm, has announced the business is an affiliate office of Video Data Services, based in Rochester, New York.

The boom in video taping is quite evident with the tremendous amount of press in national publications and discussions on TV talk shows.

Considered the number one growth industry of the 1980's, video taping provides a wide range of possibilities. Services provided by Video Data Services of Western Massachusetts will include video taping of conventions, seminars, and speaking engagements; video inventory of personal and business property for insurance purposes; video documentation of weddings, birthdays, retirement parties, receptions, legal matters and living wills; and video taping of homes for real estate agencies.

All video camera operators are professionally trained and bonded, and Impoco predicts a rapid and healthy growth for the Agawam business.

Anyone interested in obtaining a video tape copy of the Agawam High School Class of 1976 10th Year Second Chance Reunion may do so by contacting Tony Impoco at Video Data Services of Western Massachusetts, 789-3877.

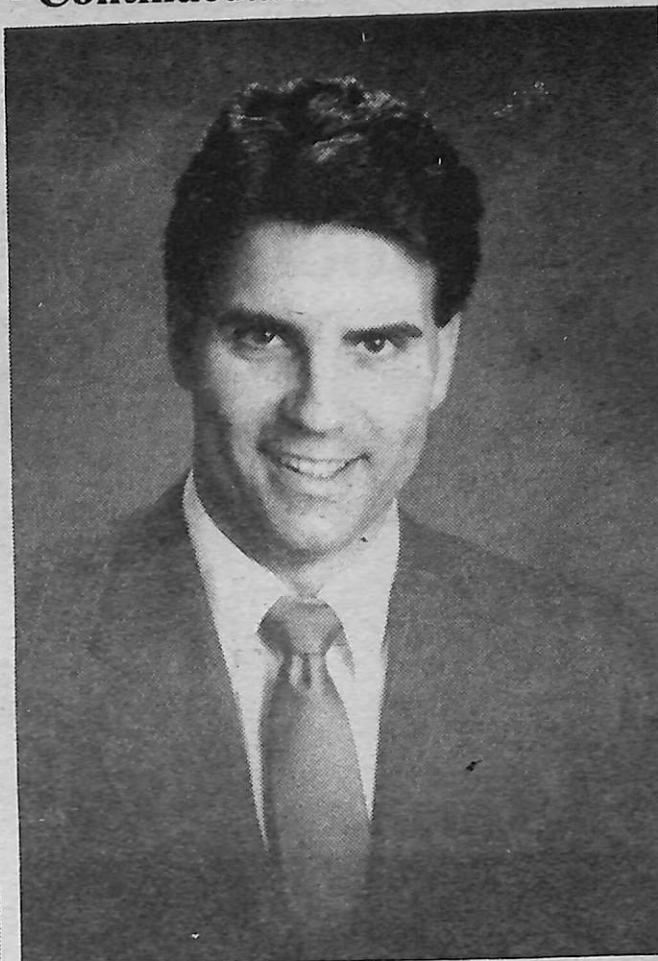
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WILLIAM N. BEAUDRY

William N. Beaudry Named At Vanguard Savings Bank

William N. Beaudry of Agawam has joined Vanguard Bank as branch officer. He will be managing the bank's new office located next to the Big Y on Route 20, West Springfield.

His banking career began 14 years ago at the Springfield Institution for Savings, where he most recently was branch sales manager at the West Springfield office. While there, he received the "Number One Customer Service Award."

Beaudry received his associates degree in business administration and data processing from Springfield Technical Community College, and has attended Fairfield University and Western New England College.

He is actively involved in community projects for the Town of Agawam.

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Agawam Chamber Action Report...

President's Message
Richard E. Aldrich

R.E. Aldrich Insurance Agency

Our joint breakfast meeting with the West Springfield Chamber of Commerce at Chez Josef is now history. Attendance was excellent at that meeting, and Congressman Silvio Conte gave us a refreshing update on the Washington scene.

We would like to urge each of you to put as much effort in as possible on your chamber activities. Only when we all participate do we all benefit, and does the community prosper and grow. We are interested in viable and do-able projects for our Chamber to undertake, and you can be sure that if you have any suggestions, they will be considered carefully.

See you at the Chamber Breakfast December 16th, and be sure to have a wonderful holiday season!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS—The following businesses have already joined the ranks of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce and would appreciate your support and personal welcome.

A good time to meet and greet these new members will be at the Holiday Breakfast at Chez Josef. All of these new members have been invited to attend as our guests, so that you can greet them in person.

KJ Industrial, John M. Stacy Insurance Agency, N.E. Furniture & Clock, Raymond Gendron, Esq., The Kid's Place, Inc., Hour Glass Cleaners, Suburban Traders, Sharp & Wiley.

Agawam Chamber of Commerce now numbers 207, a good representative group from our town. Did you know that your membership in the Agawam Chamber of Commerce also makes you a member of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, a group of 1,924 companies and organizations, an even more impressive group?

This group, in turn, is linked to the Chicopee, Westfield, Holyoke, and Franklin County Chambers of Commerce through a group called the Western Massachusetts Business Alliance. Now, we cover an even larger area of business people in our Chamber activity.

As members of the Agawam Chamber, you will be asked to serve on steering committees composed of members from each of the affiliated chambers.

For instance, the Legislative Steering Committee is composed of representatives from the Agawam Chamber as well as the other affiliates, along with Springfield business leaders. This group studies legislative issues carefully, makes recommendations to the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce board of directors, and works with State House legislators to ensure that Western Massachusetts and Agawam have good representation on behalf of the business community on issues of importance to them.

It is easy to see that a group of this magnitude would have a bigger "clout" at the State House than an individual.

Recent board of directors meetings have been held at Channel 22 and at New England School Supply. In addition, a visitation of Chamber leaders and legislators was made to the EBTEC operation.

Exposure of the business leaders in Agawam to these substantial businesses makes us all realize the importance of the Agawam business community to the overall well-being of our state and our nation. Things are happening in Agawam which affect the welfare and good of all, and the chamber should be involved in promoting and explaining the role of businesses.

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Santa Claus, Little Red Riding Hood, Visit MAJOR Video



STORE MANAGERS OF MAJOR VIDEO Lorri Blaisdell (left) and Pat Averill are all smiles last Saturday as a large crowd gathered at the store to see Santa Claus and Little Red Riding Hood. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SANTA CLAUS AND LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD greet five year-old Kara Tierney at Major Video, located in the Hollow Pine Shopping Plaza, Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MAJOR VIDEO EMPLOYEE MIKE LAROCHE greets youngsters Jennifer Blaisdell and Amanda Blaisdell at Major Video, Saturday, December 6th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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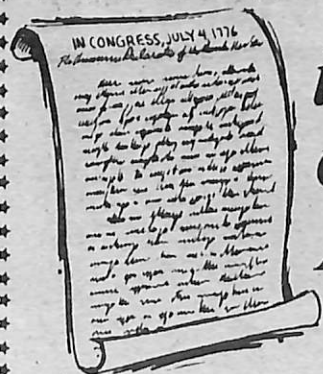


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in old Agawam

by Marilyn & Dick Curry - Local Historians

Who is George Lock(e)???

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: In the final part (for now) on the series on the "Mystery Man," George Lock(e), local historians Marilyn and Richard Curry begin with another letter from an individual who says he vividly remembers Mr. Lock(e).

Second Response

Mr. Tetreault's information seemed most conducive to what we had initially learned of George Lock(e). It mattered little at that time the spelling of his name, with or without the "e." What was of greater importance was the duplication of facts concerning the man's general character and residency.

At this period in time, Richard Sardella, publisher of the AAN, provided a letter from Eddie Squazza.

Let us commence our summarization of Mr. Squazza's letter by beginning at the very end: "P.S. We always called him Mr. Locks—as I'm spelling it. I do not know how the name was spelled." We now had the possibility of a third man!

Meanwhile, we find within the Squazza letter more evidence that the George Locks, Lock, or Lock(e) was of even greater mystery than expected.

According to Mr. Squazza, "Old George Locks told me (Mr. Squazza) that he was born in Warehouse Point, Connecticut."

"At that time, George stated he was 88 years-old (56 years ago), was never married, and claimed to have been 'an old Yankee.'"

The Squazza letter is most revealing as much as it is interesting to read. Without a doubt, it provides us with similarities/dissimilarities with the Georges Lock(e) first called to our attention. Mr. Squazza states, "He (George) came to Agawam to share crop with Harvey Porter on the Porter Farm."

The truth of the matter is we are talking about a form of farming most applicable to the Civil War/Post War Era. Mr. Squazza goes on to say, "He (George) 'boarded' with a party who rented one of the Porter houses along Main Street."

Presumably, Locks grew a variety of vegetables, including cabbage, potatoes, onions, and turnips, selling them "house to house on the Springfield Streets." Mr. Squazza says, "His wagon was pulled by two yoked oxen."



MR. GEORGE LOCK(E)?????

This George Locks certainly fits the description of the George Lock(e) with whom we initially mentioned. Mr. Squazza recalled, "Mr. Locks cut cord-wood in the winter which was also shared with Harvey Porter. In the fall, he scythed the pastures to keep the land free from brush and briars."

"In the summer, in addition to hoeing and weeding, he mowed hay and filled the two large barns, which were fed to the family cow, two pairs of oxen, a pair of work horses and a buggy horse." It would seem that Locks worked most industriously on behalf of Porter.

Mr. Squazza further states, "Mr. Locks agreed to share crop a farm situated on River Road, an agreement that lasted only one or two seasons. Following this, George Locks moved into the homestead of Harvey Porter (Jr.)."

"From this point onward, it would appear that George Locks remained with Porter, raising but two acres of potatoes for himself, digging 15 or 16 bushels a day by hand with a grub hook."

The George Locks mentioned in the Squazza letter became sick enough to warrant making funeral arrangements with a certain Mr. Lester, leaving "the balance of his money to Mrs. Pomeroy; housekeeper to Harvy Porter at the time in question."

The Squazza letter raises some interesting questions pertaining to the fact that the George Lock(e) in our initial inquiry did dress-up for church on Sunday. While we originally believed the man-in-question might have attended Sunday services, it is just possible (according to Squazza) that "on Sunday afternoon, Mr. Locks could be seen walking to the Tavern which was located in the Davis house, where Mrs. Minerva Davis' husband was brought up."

This must question the possibility that our George Lock(e) might not have been attending church services! Yet, by no means do we wish to insinuate that George Lock(e) or George Locks was a man given to alcoholic beverage! Mr. Squazza claims, "Mr. Locks was not a drinking man but as he told me, 'I use it but I do not abuse it.' That seems fair enough."

The Mystery Remains

We are most grateful that our readers are interested enough to contact us concerning their personal recollections with this unusual man. Despite the additional information we have to date, there still remains the ultimate question as to the absolute identity of George Lock(e) or Locks.

Again, evidence to date reveals the possibility of several individuals of the same or similar name, having lived in the same town, during the same period of time; or that a single individual by the name of Lock, Locke, or Locks might have lived a most interesting life within the confines of our township (at a time when Agawam was caught-up in a series of historic happenings).

One thing must remain constant in our thoughts: George was a man of character, worthy of recognition by the town in which he lived and died.

Perhaps, we shall learn more of the man. Perhaps not. For the moment, let us take pride in the fact that at one time, in our town lived an individual of strong character worthy of today's praise.

Special Recognitions

We would like to acknowledge our sincere appreciation to Miss Carolyn Pomeroy, whose mother was caretaker of the Harvey Porter household. Through Miss Pomeroy's efforts, the story of George Lock(e) was brought to our attention so that we might further embellish a long overdue recognition of Agawam's "Quiet Man."

It remains that the man was indeed symbolic of the stature and industriousness of those people who have made our town and village worthy of praise!

in old Agawam is written by local historians Marily & Richard Curry of Feeding Hills. The Currys are happy to receive questions and comments about their popular column!

Easy-To-Make Christmas Recipe From Big Y

Maple Teddy Bears

- 1 1/4 cups margarine (2 1/2 sticks)
- 1 1/2 cups light brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon maple extract
- 4 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda

Cream margarine and sugar till fluffy. Add eggs and extract. Mix. Add sifted dry ingredients and mix well.

Chill overnight. Roll dough 1/8 inch thick. Bake on greased cookie sheet 8-10 minutes in 350° oven. Watch carefully. Cut out teddy bears (or other shapes) using cookie cutter, or make a heavy paper pattern and cut desired shape. For teddy bears, you can use silver balls or current halves for eyes and a chocolate mini chip (point pressed in) for nose.

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Tuesday, December 16th
Annual Christmas Party
Community Grange
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Tuesday, December 16th
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Stress Fractures Can Turn Worse If You Don't Take Care

by Dr. Robert Tatoian
Podiatrist - West Springfield

Stress Fractures

A stress fracture is an incomplete break in a bone not going all the way through from side to side. Such fractures occur when the bone can no longer adapt to the forces being placed on it.

Athletes who suddenly increase their mileage or speedwork can cause an increase in pressure over one area. The site of a previous injury, a structural abnormality, or running in workout or inadequately padded shoes, can make the runner prone to develop a stress fracture.

Common sites are the metatarsals, heel bone, and the two leg bones. Pain is often sensed as a deep ache beneath the skin and grows more severe with activity. "Stress" fractures can become "complete" fractures if the athlete tries to run through the injury.

Diagnosis can only be made by x-ray and x-rays may

not show the fracture for two to six weeks after the injury. Treatment of a stress fracture is rest of the injured area. In addition, taping or casting may be helpful.

Plantar Fasciitis

There is a tight band of tendon-like substance that attaches from the inside of your heel bone to the ball of your foot (mainly along the inside arch). This band called "plantar fascia" helps in the supporting mechanism of your arch and in the mechanics of propulsion.

If your arch collapses, even slightly, this puts tension on the fascia, and this tension may be more than the fascia can withstand.

If this occurs, the plantar fascia tears either from the heel bone where it originates, or in the middle of the arch. The pulling away from the bone produces localized pain on the inside aspect of the heel bone. The body misdirectly lays down scar tissue to heal the injured area. This inflexible scar tissue only worsens the problem.

Therefore, as the arch continues to collapse with each step, the fascia becomes more inflexible and pain increases.

The problem is not easy to treat. The longer the problem has been there, the longer it will take to disappear. On the average, it takes twice as long to get rid of the problem as it took to get it. Your podiatrist may prescribe physical therapy, taping, and orthotics (custom-molded, prescription inserts for your feet).

Local LaLeche League To Meet Dec. 15th

Mothers who wish to breastfeed their babies will find encouragement and information at the Agawam-West Springfield La Leche League.

The evening meeting is Monday, December 15th, at 8:00 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, Westfield Street, West Springfield. Nursing babies are welcome.

The League offers mother-to-mother help in a series of four monthly meetings based on the manual *The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding*.

The meeting discussions include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience. Other services include a lending library of books on childbirth, child care, and breastfeeding. For information call Sue, 732-9256, or Jeanne, 739-7923.

Our HEALTH PAGE is a regular feature of the *Advertiser News* and is published as a public service to our readers!

How Not To Gain Weight Over The Holidays

by Diane Walsh - Registered Dietitian, HCC Faculty Member

How Not To Gain Weight Over The Holidays

'Tis the season to party and enjoy holiday feasts. But feasting from Thanksgiving through New Year's can cause unwanted weight gain.

Weight gain is caused from eating more energy in the way of food than your body expends in the way of heat or exercise. Weight gain does not happen overnight, nor will it be caused by an occasional feast. Weight gain is caused from continuous day-in and day-out overconsumption of food energy.

The six-week period from Thanksgiving to New Year's gives one the perfect opportunity for continuous food overconsumption because we celebrate with food.

You can prevent the January dieting blues by following smart eating rules while enjoying healthful and satisfying holiday feasts.

Break Tradition

Plan holiday activities away from food. Build a

snowman rather than a gingerbread man.

Concentrate on quality holiday meals instead of quantity. One beautifully prepared entree or dessert will satisfy most, as well as save you expense and energy.

Give a handcraft rather than high calorie food gift.

Holiday Gatherings

Never skip meals before or after big dinners or parties. Chances are you will end-up eating more in response to depriving yourself. (Like chronic dieters, your body learns to burn calories more efficiently, meaning you use fewer calories and have more to store as surplus.)

Drink a large glass of water or calorie free beverage before you eat, and you'll eat less.

Eggnog may be traditional, but you can also keep the holiday feeling with sugar-free hot chocolate, hot-spiced tea, low-calorie punch, and cranberry juice.

Don't stand near the food-laden tables.

Choose raw vegetables and fresh fruits as nibblers. Collect nibble foods on a plate so you can better judge amounts.

Eat sitting down at a table. Avoid wandering, standing, and nibbling about.

Avoid salty foods that start an eat/drink/eat cycle.

Never skip breakfast. Breakfast skippers make-up for their lost meal, plus some later in the day.

Don't fry or eat fried foods.

Season with herbs instead of sauces and butter.

Use low-fat plain yogurt when a recipe calls for sour cream.

Substitute evaporated skim milk for evaporated whole milk for traditional holiday pies and recipes.

Remove sight cues; store food in opaque containers.

Eat the bulk of your calories morning and afternoon or when you are most active. Eat light at night.

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Prevention Magazine, April 1985, "Dissolving the Threat of Heart Attack"

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Arts

StageWest Again Scores With Holiday Show, *Guys & Dolls*

by Phil Benoit
Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

In the three years that I have been reviewing productions at StageWest, I've had the pleasure to see four outstanding productions by this professional theatre company during four consecutive Christmas seasons. In 1983, StageWest welcomed the holidays with its production of *The Miser*, a Moliere comedy about a Scrooge-like individual.

For Christmas in 1984, the company staged the delightfully entertaining musical revue, *Ain't Misbehavin'*. Last year, the enchanting *Peter Pan* was presented for its patrons' pleasure.

And now, this holiday season has the distinction of featuring StageWest's first full-scale musical, an all-out, dynamic production of the timeless musical *Guys and Dolls*.

A musical fable of Broadway with music and lyrics by Frank Loesser, and book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows, *Guys and Dolls* premiered on Broadway in 1950 and is based on a story and characters by Damon Runyon. Runyon, a journalist and author of fiction, dealt with Broadway's colorful nightlife and underworld characters.

And *Guys and Dolls* is filled with precisely that—a cast of seedy yet charming individuals who work and play (which, for some people, is the same thing) along a neon-lit street in the heart of Time Square around 1950.

While this musical is comprised of many characters, its plot is primarily about the romantic relationships between two couples. One of the pairs of lovebirds is Sky Masterson and Sarah Brown. Sky is a renowned gambler and man-about-town, while Sarah is a prim and proper young lady who is dedicated to clean and morally upright living and the "Save-A-Soul Mission," a not-too-successful establishment which is on the verge of being closed.

The second romantic couple in *Guys and Dolls* is Nathan Detroit and Miss Adelaide. Nathan has earned a reputation for running the oldest established permanent floating crap game in New York, although he has some trouble finding a place for his latest game at the beginning of the story.

Adelaide, meanwhile, is a showgirl who works at The Hot Box, a nearby nightclub. Having been engaged to Nathan for the last 14 years, she is waiting for the day when the love of her life will settle down once and for all, and leave the crap game business behind him.

Running at StageWest's S. Prestley Blake Theatre until December 21st, *Guys and Dolls* is a first-rate production that not only represents live theatre at its liveliest, but also contains technical and dramatic values which are impressive to both the eye and the



FROM LEFT - Maury Cooper, Dorothy Brooks, Denise Alessandria Hurd, and Westfield's Sara D. Jones as the operators of the "Save-A-Soul Mission" in StageWest's productions of *Guys & Dolls*. The musical classic runs at the S. Prestley Blake Theatre until December 21st.

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Thanks to Gregory Boyd's most skillful direction, the show runs at a smooth yet energetic pace that never lets up and is able to successfully coordinate the frantic movements of many onstage people during a number of scenes throughout this two-act musical. Musical director Martin Erskine also deserves much credit for providing vigorous musical accompaniment that enhances the zesty action onstage.

As for other behind-the-scenes people, Rusty Smith's scenic and costume designs are kaleidoscopes of brilliant and contrasting colors that manage to convey both a sense of old-fashioned Broadway elegance, and a modernistic and slightly surrealistic pizzazz.

And, choreographer Marcia Milgrom Dodge does an exemplary job of getting the best efforts from all of the cast members who have to exhibit their dancing

abilities to the audience.

The music in *Guys and Dolls* is made up of foot-tapping, memorable numbers that are given additional vim and verve in the StageWest production. Some of these impressive songs include the spirited title tune, "Guys and Dolls"; The Hot Box numbers "A Bushel and a Peck" and "Take Back Your Mink"; the lusty "Havana"; the humorous "Adelaide's Lament"; and the show-stopping "Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat."

All of the performances in this superbly-staged musical are delivered with an enthusiasm which makes you realize that the people onstage are having just as much fun as the audience is.

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"It Had To Be You" **Delightful Comedy** **By Encore Players**

by Phil Benoit

Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

In the delightful comedy *It Had to Be You*, which is the latest production from the Encore Players, the long-held belief that people with opposite personalities will be attracted to each other, is put to a test which almost threatens to turn this adage into an out-and-out false concept.

The two-act play, which ran last Thursday through Sunday, has two more performances scheduled for this Friday (December 12th) and Saturday (December 13th). All shows begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Emmanuel Church Hall, 761 Sumner Avenue (corner of Sumner Avenue and White Street), Springfield.

Written by husband-and-wife actors/playwrights Joseph Bologna and Renee Taylor, *It Had to Be You* begins by introducing us to Theda Blau (Vickie Phillips), an aspiring actress who is not exactly a young starlet, but who is indeed full of youthful vitality. Named after the silent-screen vamp Theda Bara, this woman possesses a most eccentric personality and states that she has two goals in life: 1) to have a successful career, and 2) to meet the perfect man (the perfect man for her, that is).

When she attends an audition for a TV commercial about a cocktail mix, Theda takes an immediate liking to the producer-director of the ad, Vito Pignoli (Dick Volker). And, although things do not go as planned at the audition in terms of getting professional work, Theda does manage to get Vito to escort her home after the audition session is finished.

Upon returning to her apartment, Theda's impulsive and quick-thinking mind goes into action. Since it happens to be Christmas Eve, and she has no one to spend it with, Theda decides to seduce Vito by taking all of her clothes off and then donning a fur coat.

Vito, meanwhile, is unaware of what is going on in Theda's mind. When he initially met her at the audition session, he found himself somewhat attracted by her kooky yet pleasant charm. But now, finding himself in her apartment, Vito eventually realizes Theda's intentions and, unable to help himself, gets lured by her seductive plays.

Under the proficient direction of Jean Burns, *It Had to Be You* is a very entertaining production from the Encore Players. The play itself, however, is not free of flaws; its story is rather predictable, and the relationship between Theda and Vito progresses at an unrealistically quick pace (the plot's action takes place within the span of less than one day).

But, these problems with the script are only quibbles that do not prevent one from enjoying the uproarious humor which this play has to offer, since *It Had to Be You* is a well-crafted blend of witty dialogue and a bit of slapstick, physical comedy.

Most of the humor in the story gets its strength from the indecisiveness of Vito Pignoli and the zany unpredictability of Theda Blau. After he is seduced by Theda's I've-got-nothing-on-under-my-fur-coat routine, Vito continually says that he cannot stay at her apartment any longer, and occasionally snaps at her whenever she utters something that he is not expecting to hear.

Of course, we know that while Vito says that he wants to leave, his deep-down and growing feelings for Theda keep him from taking off. Thus, the playful arguing between the two of them continues at a steady pace for a while longer.

The slapstick, physical comedy in *It Had to Be You* revolves around an accident which occurs at one point in the story. Offstage, Vito falls down the staircase that leads to Theda's apartment. Now plagued with a sore back, Vito acknowledges to himself that he can't leave the premises until he feels at least somewhat better. (Moreover, a snowstorm has sprung up from nowhere, thereby adding a further obstacle to his half-



VICKIE PHILLIPS (left) and Dick Volker in a scene from the Encore Players' production of "It Had To Be You," being staged at the Emmanuel Church Hall, 761 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, through Saturday, December 13th.

hearted attempts to exit Theda's home.)

From this moment on, Vito not-too-serious yet nonetheless painful back injury provides the play with some laughs. Whenever he becomes angry at Theda and moves about in frustration, Vito's injury causes him discomfort that is very amusing to watch.

Three other performers make up the cast of *It Had to Be You*, and their roles take place briefly at the start of the first act, in which Theda is at a TV studio for the audition and meets Vito for the first time.

Agawam's Sal Marzano plays Freddie, the assistant to Vito who finds it difficult to warm up to Theda's eccentricity; Lynn Boucher is Theresa, Vito's bubbly script girl; and Richard Erickson is Harry, a workman at the TV studio.

The majority of the play's action lies with Miss Phillips and Volker, and they do a most splendid job of bringing their characters to life. As Theda Blau, Miss Phillips delivers a winsome performance that is comprised of a commanding stage presence, an endearing charm, and the talent to make her character's kookiness both interesting and believable.

Volker, in the role of Vito Pignoli, serves as the perfect foil. He gives his character a mild-mannered and gullible personality which initially becomes unnerved by Theda's unpredictable qualities.

Furthermore, in a moment which typifies the warmhearted nature of this play, Volker exhibits a poignant sense of emotion when his character decides to make a telephone call in order to say "Merry Christmas" to his estranged teenage son from a failed marriage.

***PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Tickets for *It Had to Be You* are \$5 (seniors/students) and \$6 (general admission). They may be purchased at the door, or reserved by calling 783-1616 or 737-0918.**

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In the roles of gambler Sky Masterson and missionary Sarah Brown, John Leslie Wolfe and Dorothy Brooks, respectively, provide their characters with the kind of personality traits that perfectly complement each other. Wolfe's Sky Masterson is a generally cocky fellow who, nevertheless, possesses the ability to be humble, and Miss Brooks' Sarah Brown is a reserved woman who can let her hair down under the right circumstances.

As the marriage-wary Nathan Detroit, Stephen Berger conveys a jittery persona which suggests that this character is always on the lookout for things that can go wrong. And, as Miss Adelaide, Kimberly King exhibits intense emotions that correlate to her character's different moods; for instance, when Adelaide is supposed to be mad at Nathan, Miss King really lets him (and us) know that she is mad at him.

Several other cast members do an excellent job in supporting roles. Erick Devine and Paul Kandel provide much merriment as Nicely-Nicely Johnson and Benny Southstreet, respectively, who are two buffoonish gamblers. Moreover, a great many laughs are supplied by Jude Ciccolella in the role of a frog-voiced, short-tempered gangster named Big Jule.

Making a most worthy impression on the audience in two roles is Ellen Lauren. This young actress is not only extremely credible as an elderly and imperious missionary named General Matilda B. Cartwright, but she is also very memorable as one of the Hot Box's sultry dancers.

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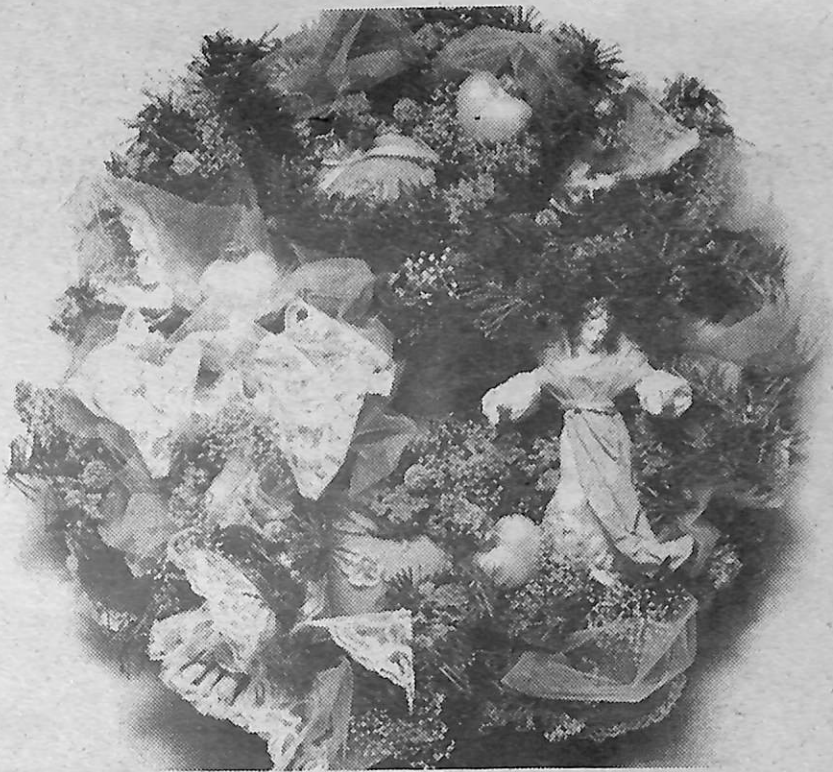
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EAST GLOUSTER, a watercolor by Lottie Catok, will be on display at the Museum of Fine Arts, 49 Chestnut Street, Springfield, as part of an art exhibition.

Renaissance Art, Fest Slated For Art Museum Sunday, December 21

The Renaissance, that heady period of enormous creativity in the visual arts, will be the first of a free program of demonstrations, films, exhibitions, and entertainment for all ages, Sunday, December 21st, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., at the Springfield Museum of Fine Arts, located at 49 Chestnut Street, at the Quadrangle.

At the **Renaissance Festival**, wandering minstrels, techniques for making Renaissance drawings and artistic media, films about the great masterpieces of Leonardo and Michelangelo, and an exhibition of Renaissance drawings, will illustrate this time in history when curiosity about the intricacies of nature and the human body were high.

The **Renaissance Festival** is part of the Springfield Art Museums' continuing Something Every Sunday series, which will continue until March 29th. These programs are funded by the Open Door program of the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities.

With their sweet, lyric voices, the Wilbraham Madrigal Chorus will rove through the galleries of the Museum of Fine Arts from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. After a 20-minute presentation in the main court, members of the chorus will circulate through the museum like wandering minstrels, in solo, duo, and group combinations, and with the recorder, guitar, and harpsichord serving as musical accompaniments.

A varied program of Renaissance and holiday music will be performed by the singers, including "The Boar's Head Carol, Good King Wenceslas, All at Once Well Met Fair Ladies, The Silver Swan, O Musician Thou Noble Art, Hodie, and Cristus Natus Est."

The Wilbraham Madrigal Chorus is directed by John Cheney, a former music teacher in East Longmeadow. The eight year-old group has given many madrigal dinners and frequently performed in the area.

Studio activity leader Michael Coblyn will show visitors the skill of conjuring images out of the void of a blank sheet of paper. Using exercises designed to bridge different age groups, he will gear his drawing demonstration to the current MFA exhibition **Old Master Drawings from the Collection of John and Alice Steiner**, which contains, among other periods, many excellent drawings done during the Renaissance.

Coblyn will explain and demonstrate various Renaissance drawing types and methods, giving participants the chance to do such drawings on their own. Basic design, composition, lineation, and techniques such as crosshatching, parallel, lines, and washes will be covered.

Artist Frances Giampietro will show the process used by Renaissance artists to make their own paints, inks, chalks and washes. With a glass muller, a flat-bottomed implement resembling a pestle, she will grind various pigments made from colored minerals and mix them with binding agents, including oil and egg yolk.

Her main focus will be on the production of colors derived from the earth and its mineral deposits. In their drawings, Renaissance artists frequently used such earth colors as ocher, made from an earthy clay containing iron ore, and raw or burnt sienna, originating from the earth of Sienna, Italy, where it was obtained.

"Christmas Candlelight Concert Slated For Historic First Church December 14th

The Music Committee of the First Church, Court Square, Springfield, will present a "Christmas Candlelight Concert," Sunday afternoon, December 14th, at 4 p.m.

This concert is part of the 1986-87 **Music at First Series** and provides an opportunity for the entire family to be part of a traditional Christmas celebration, which has been observed at First Church for over a century.

The glow of a candlelight processional with the singing of familiar carols will herald this concert by the Choir and Soloists of Old First Church. The program will be traditional and non-traditional Advent and Christmas music.

Charles Page, minister of music at First Church, will direct and accompany the concert, as well as provide a prelude and postlude of seasonal music on the

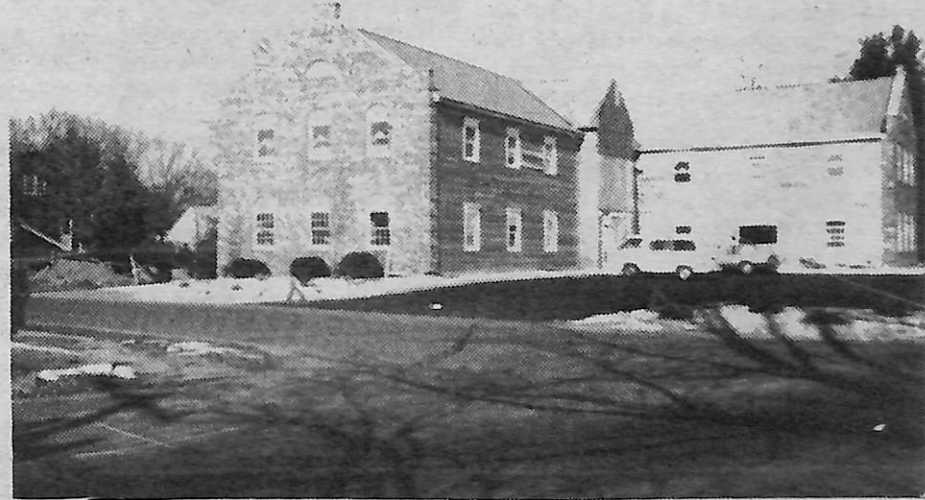
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The First Church soloists are Deborah Trimble, soprano; Kirsten Shirer, alto; Ben Scranton, tenor, and Bruce Johnson, baritone.

The Christmas lights and decorations around the area make First Church a perfect setting for this celebration. This program of seasonal music will provide a time for relaxation and reflection so that we might better put into perspective the true significance of the celebration. Everyone will have an opportunity to sing carols with the choir.

This concert, which is open to the public with no admission charge, will be followed by a reception in the Latimer Room of the Parish House, giving everyone an opportunity to greet the participants.

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PHILM REVIEW

by Phil Benoit
Entertainment Editor

—*An American Tail*: 2½ STARS

Presented by Steven Spielberg (*The Color Purple*) and directed by Disney alumnus Don Bluth (*The Secret of NIMH*), this feature-length animated film tells the story of a family of Russian mice named Mousekewitz who sail to America in the mid 1880's, and the efforts of one of its youngest members, Fievel, to be reunited with the rest of the Mousekewitzes after he is accidentally separated from them during the voyage.

An American Tail suffers from having a plot which is unoriginal, thoroughly predictable, and loaded with clichés. Yet, in spite of these shortcomings, the picture is still an enjoyable source of entertainment for both children and adults.

Youngsters will immediately take a liking to Fievel Mousekewitz, who is, admittedly, one of the cutest cartoon characters to come to the silver screen in a long time. Grown-up moviegoers, meanwhile, can sit back and admire the film's impressive animation, and chuckle at the story's slyly satirical humor.

What's more, *An American Tail* manages to be a sentimental picture which effectively tugs at the heart-strings without ever becoming excessively sappy—a trait which, incidentally, is missing from such recent animated abominations as the cinematic version of *The Care Bears* and other toy-related cartoons.

—*Firewalker*: ½ STAR

A dismal comedy-adventure starring Chuck Norris and Louis Gossett, Jr., as a pair of modern-day, blundering soldiers-of-fortune who, along with a nutty female companion (Melody Anderson), encounter supernatural forces and other dangers while searching for long-lost Aztec treasure in the remote jungles of Mexico.

Although Norris (*The Delta Force*) and Gossett (*Iron Eagle*) work well together, and Norris himself demonstrates that he does have a knack for comedy, their charming chemistry does not fare too well in the face of this movie's insurmountable problems.

Firewalker is a boring, unintelligible, and choppy directed and edited film that not only rips off the Indiana Jones movies and the two *Romancing the Stone* adventures, but is also more moronic in its approach to humor than the latter and least successful Abbott & Costello comedies.

And, the picture is further hampered by the uninspiring presence of Anderson (*Flash Gordon*), an attractive yet bland young actress who delivers a lackluster performance that somehow surpasses the overall insipidness of this most forgettable movie.

—*Solarbabies*: 0 STARS

Set on Earth in an arid, desolate future, this science-fiction adventure deals with a group of roller-skating adolescents who attempt to defeat a sadistic, imperious government with the help of an extraterrestrial crystal ball that has a life of its own.

Some bad films fail because they are ineptly executed by the people behind and/or in front of the cameras; others are doomed to flop because they have incredibly dumb storylines which do not have a chance at success.

Solarbabies, however, is an out-and-out turkey for both of these reasons.

Under the slipshod direction of Alan Johnson (*To Be or Not to Be*), this laughable mess features youthful, futuristic heroes who are decked out in what appear to be present-day roller derby uniforms; special effects and sets which are embarrassingly tacky; and performances which are nothing more than perfect examples of dreadful overacting.

Judging from its not-too-healthy standing at the box office, *Solarbabies* proves that even diehard fans of sci-fi cinema won't bother to see a flick such as this if it sounds wretched enough in the first place.

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—*Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*: 4 STARS

In the five preceding paragraphs, I had the arduous task of critiquing the worst science-fiction movie of the year. However, I now have the pleasure of reviewing the best representative of this genre for 1986.

At the beginning of this third *Star Trek* sequel, an alien probe of unknown origin is causing worldwide destruction on the Earth of the 23rd century. And, in order to stop this probe before life on the planet is annihilated, a journey back in time to 1986 San Francisco must be undertaken by Admiral James T. Kirk (William Shatner), Mr. Spock (Leonard Nimoy), and the rest of the gallant crew of the late starship *Enterprise*.

Superbly directed by Nimoy (who made his auspicious directorial debut with *Star Trek III: The Search for Spock*), *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home* is, to date, the most well-crafted and well-rounded film in this series of motion pictures. For starters, it has the kind of first-rate special effects, solid performances, and warmhearted emotion and comradery that are associated with the *Star Trek* characters and their adventures.

But, *Star Trek IV* also has two added dimensions which were not prevalent in the three previous movies. In addition to possessing a thoughtful and highly imaginative science-fiction plot with ecological overtones that are most relevant to today's society, this sequel conveys an endearing and entertaining sense of humor in its depiction of the encounters between Kirk and his crew and 20th century people, language, culture, and technology.

With its richly textured blend of drama, comedy, theme, and emotion, *Star Trek IV* is not only reminiscent of the best elements from its days as a television series, but it can also be relished by both devoted *Trek* fans and filmgoers who have yet to experience the magical appeal of the world of *Star Trek*.

*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

—*An American Tail*: A G-rated picture for people of all ages.

—*Firewalker*: Rated PG for some mild profanity and violence.

—*Solarbabies*: Rated PG-13 for some intense violence.

—*Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*: Although it contains some mild profanity, this PG-rated picture is suitable for moviegoers for all ages.

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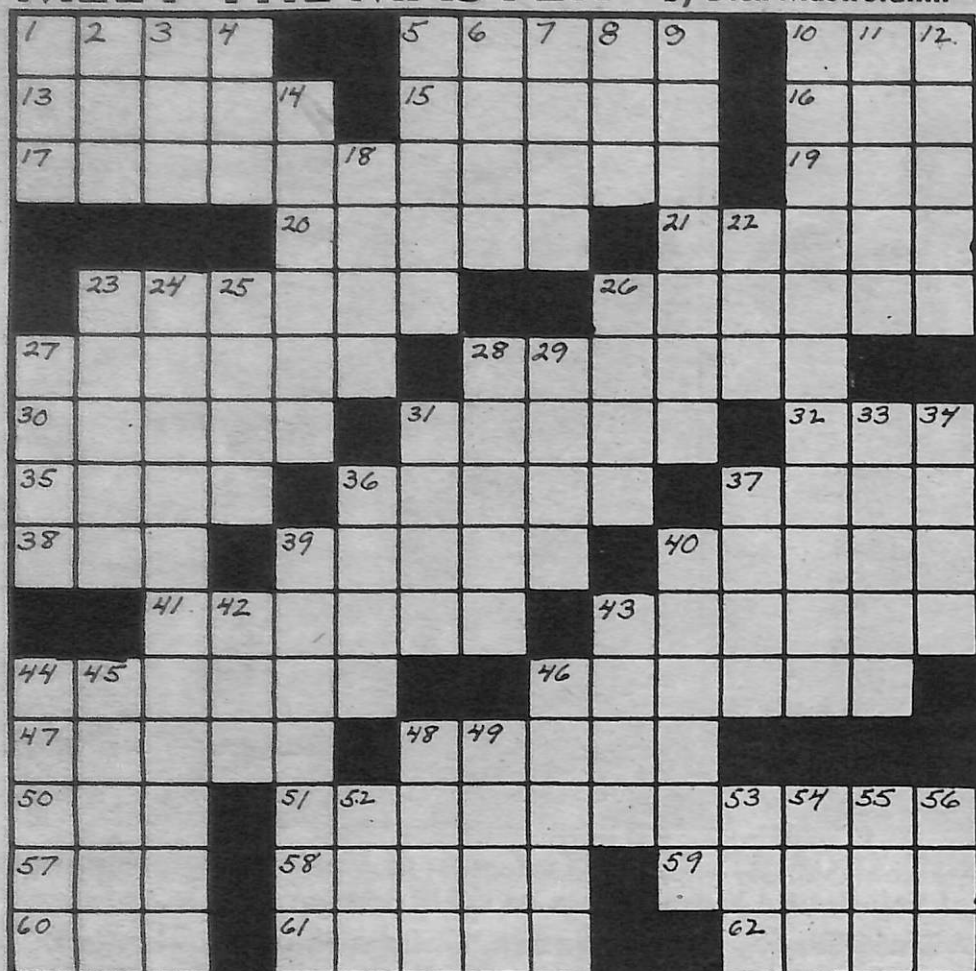
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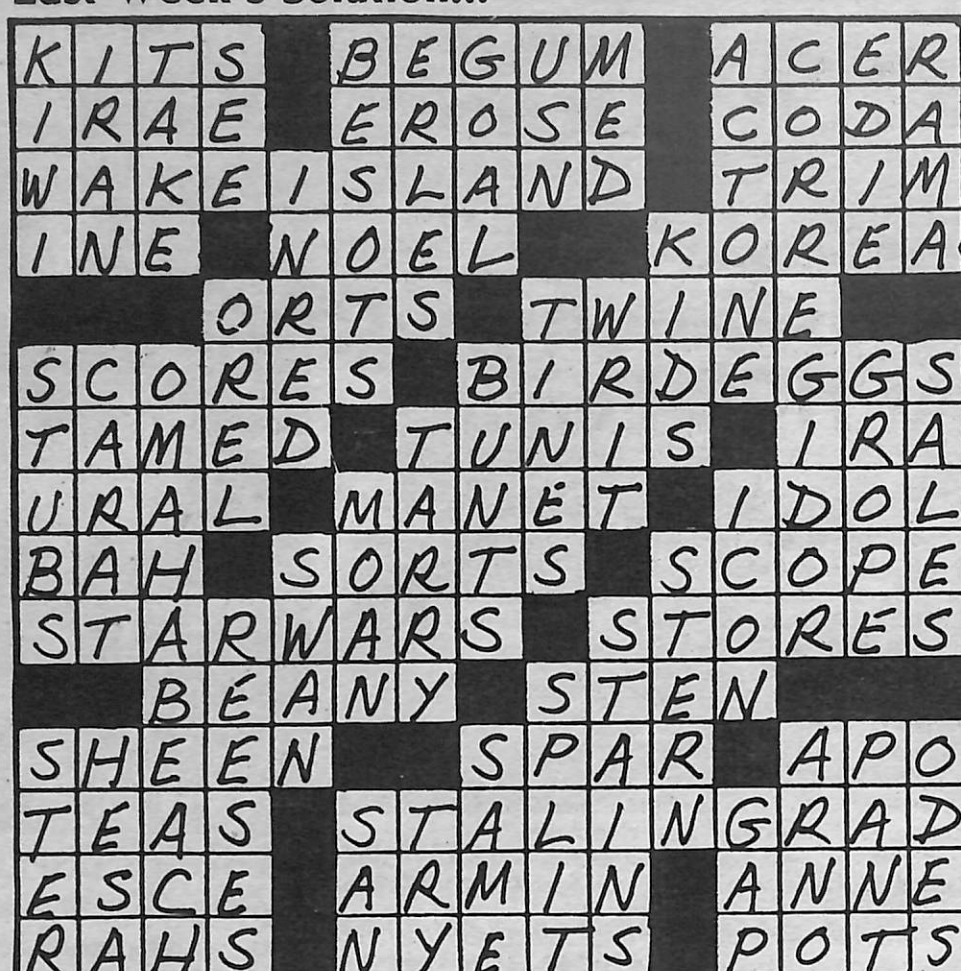
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Schools

AHS "Mirror" Wins Top Award At HCC Forum

by Alexis Ferioli
School Dept. Editor

Continuing its award-winning tradition, Agawam High School's student newspaper, *The Mirror*, recently was named "Best All-Around Newspaper" in the Elijah Lovejoy Division of Holyoke Community College's 11th Annual Scholastic Press Forum.

Mirror staff members were among 215 high school journalists and their advisors from throughout Western Massachusetts in attendance at the November 21st event.

Besides "Best All-Around Newspaper," the AHS periodical also won first place honors in three other categories, including "Best Headlines."

Mirror advisor Dorothy Martin reports that Cathy Landry's article titled, "Brownie Spring Season," captured the "Best Sports Feature Story" award.

Moreover, Miss Landry and Jolece Orsucci collaborated on a story titled, "Homeless For The Holidays," which won the "Best Feature Article" category.

Although confident of the *Mirror's* quality, Mrs. Martin says that she was surprised by the number of first place honors attained.

Noting that this is the 11th year the local school publication has competed in the event, she believes that the journalism contest is one of the fairest, since every school is recognized for something which it has accomplished.

Mrs. Martin relates that winning the "Best All-Around Newspaper" award is a prestigious honor, especially since publication budgets of most competing schools are thousands of dollars higher than the *Mirror's*.

The advisor states that she is proud of this year's 18-member staff, which is entirely new, except for returning veterans Deirdre Murphy, Patricia Landry, and Nick Paquette.

She points out that the industrious group even managed to publish its first issue prior to December.

Mrs. Martin reports that the next competition *Mirror* staff members will attend is Columbia University's Annual Columbia Press Association Forum, which will take place in March in New York City.

However, rising hotel rates have forced staff members to seek outside donations to help defray conference costs.

"Columbia University sets the guidelines for the *Mirror's* publication. Therefore, attendance at this conference is exceptionally beneficial and a true learning experience for young journalists. However, without financial aid, staff members will have to pay approximately \$400 each to attend the three-day event," she explains.

Mrs. Martin is hopeful that donations can be acquired from local businesses and organizations to keep student cost down to \$200. Hotel deposits must be received by January. Therefore, time is of the utmost importance.

"We're hopeful local organizations will come forth and offer staff members financial aid so that they can participate in this worthwhile academic endeavor. The town, as well as the School Department, has much of which to be proud in its students, who work hard to publish a newspaper the quality of the *Mirror*," she declares.

Children's School Helps Easter Seals Project

Children at the Children's School in Feeding Hills raised \$551 for people with physical disabilities during a fundraiser held recently at their school. This fundraising event was part of an Easter Seal HOP-N-ING, a two-part disabilities awareness program organized by Easter Seals, and sponsored by the Zayre Corporation for schools throughout Massachusetts.

During the first part of the Easter Seal HOP-N-ING, the students learned about the causes of disabilities and about various pieces of related specialized equipment. Part two of the Easter Seal HOP-N-ING was the fundraiser which culminated the week-long program.

All contributions from the Easter Seal HOP-N-ING at The Children's School will help support local Easter Seal programs and services for people with disabilities. These services include an equipment loan program, swim and summer camping programs, post polio information groups, and a rehabilitative therapy team.

For more information, please call the Western Region Easter Seal Office, 734-6434.

Best Hometown News...



PROUDLY DISPLAYING TROPHIES RECENTLY won at Holyoke Community College's 11th Annual Scholastic Press Forum at AHS *Mirror* staff members, from left - front row - Chris David, Kim Benjamin, Deirdre Murphy, Elizabeth Regish, and Anade Long. Standing - Robert Dintzner, Keith Juzba, Gina Lewis, Carolyn Jochim, Jennifer Maloni, Kimberly Longto, Linda Iacolo, Laurie Brunelle, Jennifer Johnson, and Patricia Landry. ABSENT FROM PICTURE: Nick Paquette, Dan Oberle, Cindy Jochim, and Shelly Morris. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Six Granger School Students Participate In Berkshire Ballet's "The Nutcracker"

by Alexis Ferioli
School Dept. Editor

Six Granger School students, ranging in age from six to 11, made their stage debut in the Berkshire Ballet's production of Tchaikovsky's, "The Nutcracker," which took place at Springfield's Symphony Hall December 3rd and 4th.

The traditional holiday ballet featured the talents of local students Cory and Jared Chianciola, Kerry Demers, Dina DiTomaso, Lauren McCarthy, and Chris Wilkie.

Rehearsing two hours a week for the past two months, the young performers portrayed the roles of Fritz's cousin, the brat, an angel, Clara's cousin, a reindeer, and a sad child, respectively.

Mrs. Chianciola relates that her two sons, who have modeled professionally in the past, were suggested for the roles by a friend.

Although neither young man has performed in a

ballet before, both have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and hope to participate in future professional theater productions.

Mrs. Chianciola points out that besides being classmates, Cory and Dina are neighborhood friends who portray cousins in the famous ballet.

She notes that the production, which double casts all roles except those of children, is an excellent means by which children can be introduced into the world of professional theater.

When not modeling or performing, both brothers keep active playing Pioneer Valley soccer and swimming as members of the Agawam Athletic Association Piranhas.

"I was really surprised the boys enjoyed performing in 'The Nutcracker.' My four year-old son, Brady, will probably be the next member of the family to enter show business," remarks Mrs. Chianciola.

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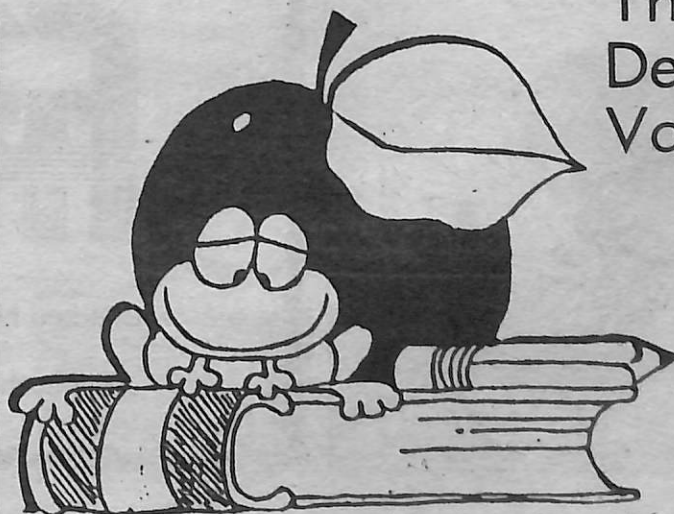
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VFW State Poster & Essay Contest Winners



AT THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, from left - Rita Shea, VFW State Poster & Essay Contest chairwoman; Tammy Nardi, Andy Felix, Kate DeBonville, students; and Marge Driscoll, president of Ladies Auxiliary of the Agawam VFW. In back is junior high Assistant Principal John Ferraro. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PHELPS SCHOOL WINNERS pictured with Rita Shea, VFW State chairwoman of the Poster & Essay Contest. The students are Matthew Harrington (third), Scott French (second), and Daniel Akalis (first). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



VFW WINNERS AT AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL pictured with English teacher Lawrence O'Brien. The students are Michelle Blanchard and Terri Cimaroli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CLARK SCHOOL WINNERS pictured with Gladys Belcher, VFW activity chairwoman, and Mary Driscoll, Agawam VFW Ladies Auxiliary president. The students are Kara McDade (second), Lisa Parolo (third), and Andrew Markowski (first). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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What Christmas Means To Me.....

Phelps School - Grades 4 & 5
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PAULA VANDER VLIET

Christmas means a lot to me. Christmas is a time when the family gets together and celebrates. On Christmas I like to see people open gifts I gave to them. I also like to open gifts that people give me. I like Christmas since it makes me feel happy and warm!

NICOLE GAUDETTE

Christmas makes me feel happy and peaceful. Christmas makes me feel good when I am sad. It makes me think of my teachers, my mother and father and my two sisters and how happy I am to have them all. It makes me think of the beautiful snow falling slowly to the ground. I love this time of the year!

PAUL BRACCIALARGHE

Christmas makes me feel happy because I like watching my mom and dad opening their gifts.

Christmas makes me feel proud since it is the birthday of Jesus and we go to church to honor him. I am happy and thankful for my family and all the good things we have. Christmas is a very joyous season at our house. It makes me feel wonderful!

PETER STANFIELD

I like Christmas a whole lot! Christmas is a real happy holiday. I like Christmas because it is in the winter and I love the snow. Christmas means giving to others. I get a lot of things for Christmas and feel really loved!

TIMOTHY RUSSELL
I like to give gifts to my brothers and my mom and dad. Everyone should be happy on Christmas because it's a special holiday. People show they care not only to their family but also to their friends!

JENNA DIETSCHLER
When Christmas comes I feel good inside! I also like to see other people feel good! I like it when my fireplace is going. Also I like to see when people like their gifts that they get. And I like it when my relatives come over my house for Christmas! I like to see decorations all around the houses and the sparkling lights shining at night! Everyone seems so happy and friendly!

KELLY DEPREY
On Christmas day I always feel good! My Mother makes everything so special! I get so excited and anxious! I feel like I'm in the clouds because there is so much snow around us. The best thing I think about is that so many people are happy! I love Christmas!

MARSHALL MANFREDI
Christmas means falling snow and fun for everyone. Christmas is a time when you bring joy to others. It is when you put decorations and lights on the tree. When I get up in the morning I see presents under the tree and that makes me happy. I have a good feeling inside. It is a joyful time of year! It is a time to count blessings and be thankful. It is fun to give and receive from friends and relatives!

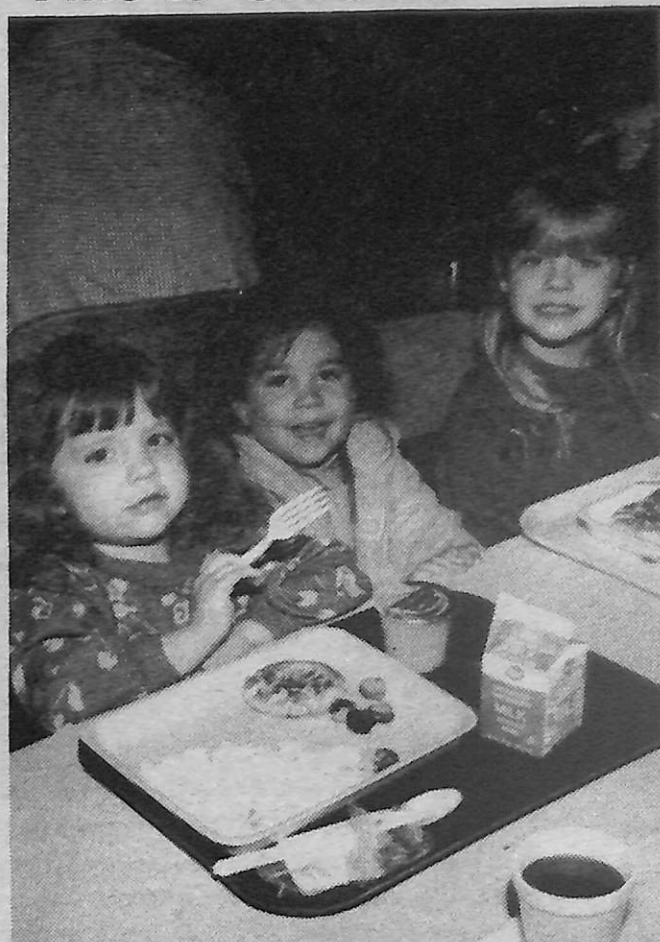
THOMAS DUBY
Christmas is a special time for families. We put up decorations to share our joy with others. The feeling of happiness is all around. This happiness makes me feel joyful for many days!

CINDY LISZKA
Christmas lights up my life! It gives me spirit. It makes me feel very happy! The lights and decorations on the beautiful tree bring joy to us all. The snow outside sparkles on the ground and I love to hear Christmas music playing. The gifts under the tree bring lots of excitement and joy to my loved ones. Have a happy Christmas!!

BRET PAJER
I like Christmas because of the snow outside and the decorations on the tree. I like the snow because it makes the Christmas lights shine brighter! It glistens in the sunlight. I like the decorations because they make me feel happy and joyful. I like the joy of my family getting together.

ERIN GRIFFIN
Christmas is a sign of joy. My family puts decorations on the tree. Then on Christmas Eve my whole family comes and sings Christmas carols. On Christmas day we go downstairs and open our gifts. Christmas means love, sharing and giving. It's my favorite time of the year!

This Is Great...!



AT THE RECENT THANKSGIVING DAY BREAKFAST sponsored by the Agawam High Football Booster Club, Megan Loomis, Lauren Gaudreault, and Jennifer Loomis decided that this breakfast was exactly what they wanted before attending the varsity football game at West Side High. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Public Library Has Xmas Story Hour Dec. 20th

The Agawam Public Library will offer a traditional story hour for children four and up, Saturday, December 20th, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The program will include stories and songs about Santa and other seasonal lore, and a special visit from a surprise Christmas character.

Parents or grandparents are invited to bring your "true believers" and stay to share in the fun. Call the library, at 789-1550, to register.

Agawam Schools' Lunch Menus

Monday, December 15th: Toasted pepperoni and cheese sandwich in roll, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and Italian dressing, chilled fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday, December 16th: Hamburg in gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered niblet corn, wheat bread and butter, chocolate brownie, milk.

Wednesday, December 17th: Turkey and rice soup, cold cut sandwich in roll with lettuce and mayonnaise, oven potato puffs with catsup, applesauce, spice cake, milk.

Thursday, December 18th: Oven roasted turkey, whipped potatoes, buttered peas and carrots, cranberry sauce, dinner roll with butter, ice cream, milk.

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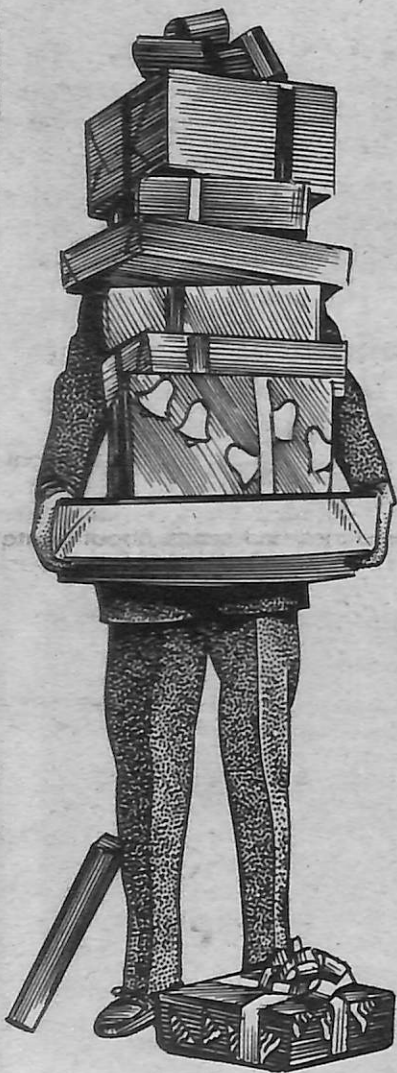
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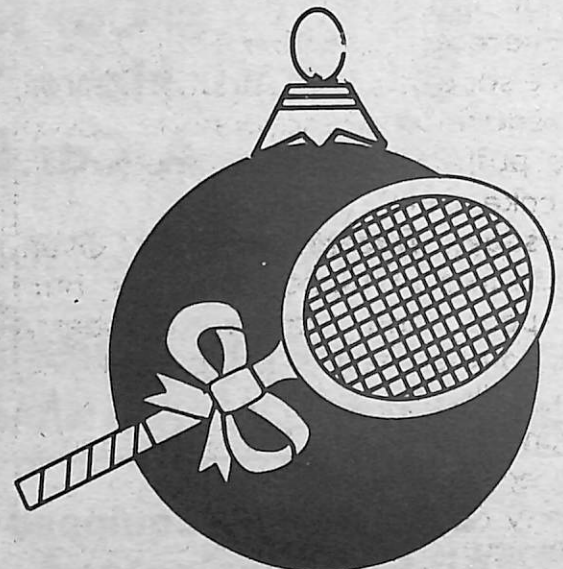
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Check-Out These Kids At AHS "Kid Party"



A DECEMBER TRADITION AT AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL is the senior class "Kid Party." Here, and still sucking their pacifiers, are class of 1987 members, from left - Jeff Smith, David Giordano, and Joe Boubonnais, dressed as babies, and calling themselves the "3 Stooges turn 2 years-old." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

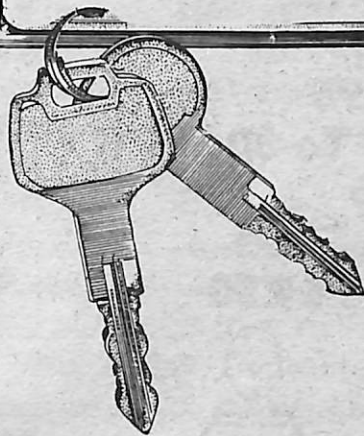


THIS RATHER FORTUNATE CHRISTMAS TREE, Keith Musinski, finds two admiring bunny rabbits wrapped around his branches. The young ladies are senior class members Shellie Charland and Jennifer Herd. The "Kid Party" is held in the school's cafeteria.

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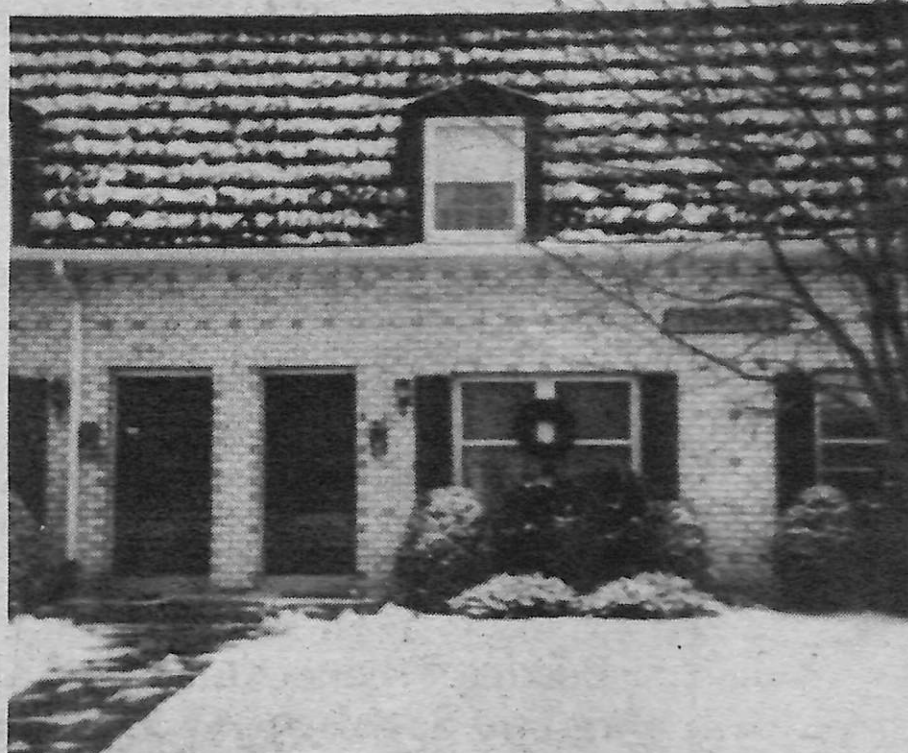
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Mrs. Favreau, Knight Attend N.E. Conf.

Ann Favreau and Georgene Knight, kindergarten teachers in the Clifford Granger School, attended the 25th Annual New England Kindergarten Conference, jointly sponsored by Lesley College and the six New England State Departments of Education. The Conference was held in Randolph, Massachusetts, November 20th and 21st, and at the Lesley College campus in Cambridge, November 22nd.

More than 2,500 early childhood educators attended the conference, one of the nation's oldest and most esteemed gatherings of early childhood professionals.

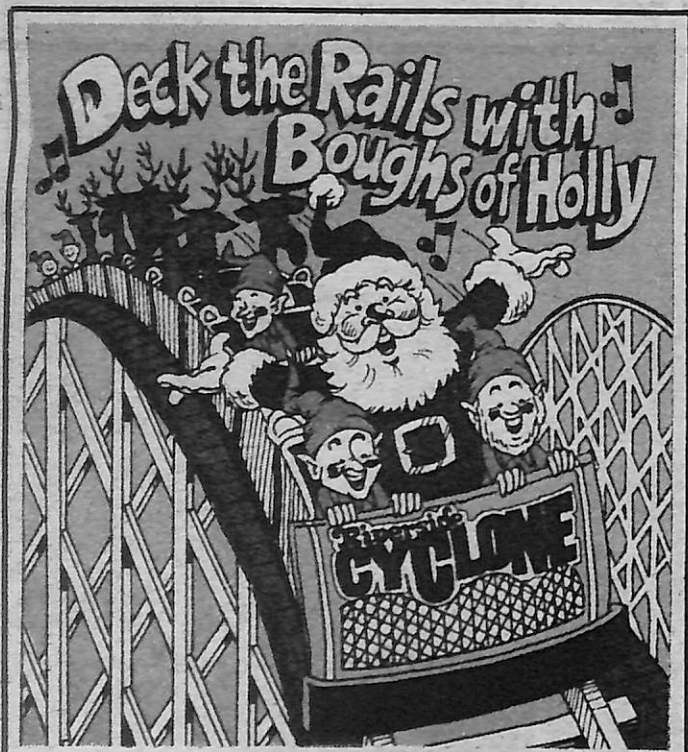
Governor Michael S. Dukakis proclaimed November 20th "New England Kindergarten Conference Day" in Massachusetts, to underscore the contributions of the conference and its founder, Professor Mary Mindess, to early childhood education.

Throughout its first twenty-five years, the New England Kindergarten Conference has served as a forum for individuals interested in the education of young children to keep abreast of the latest developments in the field, and to keep in touch with each other.

The theme of this year's conference was "caring, commitment, and collaboration," reflecting the recognition that schooling is a shared enterprise requiring the pooled resources of schools, families, and society at large.

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NAMED AS ALL-WESTERN MASS. MUSCIANS are members of the Music Department's band/orchestra. From left - Alison Hubbard, Barbara Moreau, Maureen Ciempa, Melissa Martin, and Terri Cimaroli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



NAMED TO THE ALL-WESTERN MASS. CHORUS: From left - Tony Joseph, Michele Czupta, and Steve Yager. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

14 AHS Music Pupils Recipients Of Western Mass. Honors

Fourteen Agawam High music students qualified for All-Western Massachusetts Honors after making individual competitive auditions at the University of Massachusetts. Fourteen Agawam High students have won positions in the All-District Groups.

Six members of Agawam's Jazz Ensemble will be a part of the 18-member All-Western Massachusetts Honor Group. Included are **Joseph Bourbonnais** (drums), **Chris Hamel** (bass), **Mike Smith** (guitar), **Jeff MacKechnie** (lead alto saxophone), **Alex Kohli** (trombone), and **Susan Arnold** (tenor saxophone).

Three members of the Chorus groups will perform with the All-District Chorus; **Tony Joseph**, **Michelle Czupta**, and **Steve Yager**.

Other instrumentalists chosen for positions in the Western District Concert, which will be held at the University in January, include **Melissa Martin** and **Barbara Moreau** (in the Orchestra) on bassoon and violin, respectively; and **Allison Hubbard**, **Maureen Ciempa**, and **Terri Cimaroli**, all on clarinet (in the Concert Band).

The Western District audition also selects the people who will be allowed to try out in another audition for the All-State Groups, and Agawam was well-represented in this area; eleven students were recommended for the All-State tryout. These students were **Tony Joseph** and **Michelle Czupta**, chorus; **Melissa Martin**, **Barbara Moreau**, and **Allison Hubbard**, band and orchestra; and all six Jazz Band representatives.

The Western Massachusetts Honor Groups are chosen from hundreds of students from the over 40 high schools in the four western counties of the state. Unlike the honor groups of Western Massachusetts inter-scholastic sports groups, these students will actually gather for two, all-day rehearsals at the University January 10th and 17th, with a concert open to the public at the University Fine Arts Center Auditorium, Saturday evening, January 17th.

Tryouts for positions in the All-State groups will take place during the winter, with the top students from all four of the state districts meeting, with an additional audition on more difficult selections.

Students selected for the All-State groups meet for three days of rehearsal in March, and perform at the State Music Educators Conference.



ALL-WESTERN MASS. JAZZ BAND MEMBERS FROM Agawam High School, from left - Jeff MacKechnie, Sue Arnold, Alexis Kohli, Joe Bourbonnais, Chris Hamel, and Mike Smith. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Child Sex Abuse Committee At Public Library

The Child Sexual Abuse Committee of the Greater Westfield Area Council for Children is offering a Child Assault Prevention Project (CAPP) to area schools.

This community based and operated program pioneers a self-help model for the protection of children. The committee is seeking volunteers from the community to assist in this prevention program.

An informational meeting will be held at the Agawam Public Library, December 12th, at 3:00 p.m., in the A.V. room, for anyone who is interested in obtaining more information.

If you have any questions, please call Pat McGunnis or Debra Levy at the Agawam Counseling Center, 786-6410.

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Holiday Reflections For A Bereaved Parent

When a person has suffered a pregnancy loss, infant, or young child loss, different times of the year serve as markers and are nostalgic and often quite painful. Thoughts like "How old would my child be now?" seem to be stimulated during the holidays.

The Christmas/Hanukkah season is especially difficult because these holidays center around children and family. The following article, I feel, is very appropriate for bereaved parents during this season.

Christmas and Hanukkah are upon us once more. December is an emotionally-laden month for most adults. We pause and ponder the meaning of "peace on earth, goodwill toward man." We overflow with nostalgia for holidays past. We touch base with our beliefs, rituals, traditions, and treasured memories.

In passing on this heritage to our children, we are like conduits connecting past, present, and future. It is a bit of immortality; a sense of tradition flowing from generation to generation.

It is this very essence of the holidays that stabs at the heart of bereaved parents. Our children represent the future. We may wonder what is the point of tradition with so many pieces of the future dead. Each grieving parent must struggle to answer that question effectively in order to establish a framework for the holiday season.

Since we cannot ignore it or make it go away, we can deal with the situation by making specific plans with our families. We can assess priorities. We can make changes. We can decide which traditions to uphold and which to set aside this year. We can choose to acknowledge openly to our families our grief. We can think about some very special gifts.

To ourselves, we can grant the gift of acceptance by realizing that our grief is a necessary healing process. To our families, we can extend the gift of empathy by remembering that they hurt, too.

To our missing children, we can bestow the gift of homage by determining to work through grief so that we may live life to the fullest.

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PROUDLY DISPLAYING TROPHIES recently won at the Social Studies Fair at the Agawam Middle School, are, back row, from left - Principal Ralph Zavarella, Kim Duga, Christie Scheve, Julie Milici, Jon-Paul Rodier, Bryan MacDonald, Joshua Kimball, Tara Brittain, and Amy Tyrell. Front row - Michelle Anger, Wendy Flebotte, Daniel Hoar, Lisa Dialessi, Kristy Bronson, Jennifer Lomelino, and Jennifer Easton. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Middle School Social Studies Department Conducts 8th Annual Fair; 200 Enter

by Alexis Ferioli
School Dept. Editor

As a means of recognizing the important role the United Nations plays in the world today, seventh grade Agawam Middle School students participated in the eighth annual "Social Studies Fair," Tuesday, November 25th.

Sponsored by the school's Social Studies Department, the fair was held in conjunction with Parents' Night.

The mandatory event, which featured approximately 200 exhibits, also observed United Nations Day.

Seventh grade social studies teacher Robert Farrell points out that students, working alone or in pairs, were required to select a U.N. member country and construct either a map, chart, or model.

Students, who were encouraged to use their imaginations, were allowed to use any materials and designs in their exhibit's construction.

Besides Farrell, fellow social studies teachers Thomas Dacey and Francis O'Leary judged exhibits for their creativity, originality, and neatness.

"A great deal of energy and hard work went into the students' exhibits, which were begun in mid-September. Judging was difficult due to the excellent quality of this year's entries," remarks Farrell.

Moreover, the exhibits featured several unusual materials in their construction, he adds.

Among the 15 students who received trophies for their creative exhibits were Kim Duga, Christie Scheve, Julie Milici, Jon-Paul Rodier, Bryan MacDonald, Joshua Kimball, Tara Brittain, and Amy Tyrell.

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Daisy Scout Investiture At James Clark School

Daisy Girl Scout Troop 552 was held on Monday, December 8th, at James Clark School. The ceremony is the official welcome to the World of Girl Scouting. The troop consists of 14 Kindergarten age girls from Phelps and James Clark School, who meet together once a week, after school.

Members are **Jillian Abdow, Michelle Bitgood, Danielle Deforge, Shaunessy Egan, Angela Gontczaruk, Laura-Beth Guyer, Barbara Maloni, Nicole Macey, Rebecka Mutti, Alanna Murphy, Jessica Nolan, Karen Smith, Melissa Spaveri, and Erin Sullivan.**

Two Feeding Hills Students Volunteer At Robinson Park

Renee J. Girard, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Girard of 71 Hall Street, and Kathy L. Goyette, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Goyette of 330 North Street, are among 36 Holyoke Community College students volunteering their time to assist the area's special needs population.

Both Miss Girard and Miss Goyette are volunteers in the Resource Room at Robinson Park School where they tutor students in grades one to five in language and mathematics.

All 36 HCC students are "going beyond themselves to help others," noted Professor Marylou Theilman, instructor of the college's Introduction to Special Needs class. The course is designed to familiarize students with "exceptional people," and the various areas of exceptionality such as mental retardation, learning disabilities, behavior disorders, and more.

Laura Farrington Named To "Who's Who" In Colleges

Laura Farrington, a junior at Northland College, has been included in the 1987 edition of *Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges*.

Students included in the publication have been selected as national outstanding leaders based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

Miss Farrington, a business administration major, is the daughter of Barbara & John Farrington of Agawam, and a 1984 graduate of Agawam High School.

Northland is a private, co-educational, liberal arts/environmental college located in Ashland, Wisconsin, on the south shore of Lake Superior.

Calabrese, Miss McGrath Awarded WNEC Degrees

Two residents were among the 141 undergraduate and graduate students awarded degrees by Western New England College in Springfield, in October.

Joseph A. Calabrese of Main Street, Agawam, received a master of business administration degree with a major in finance.

Elizabeth Jean McGrath of Bradford Drive, Feeding Hills, received a bachelor of science in business administration degree with a major in accounting.

Western New England College is a private, co-educational institution, serving more than 6,500 full-time and parttime students each year with undergraduate and graduate programs in its Schools of Arts & Sciences, Engineering, Business, and Law.



DAIRY GIRL SCOUTS AT JAMES CLARK & PHELPS SCHOOL who participated in investiture, Monday, December 8th. Back row, from left - Angela Gontczruk, Nicole Macey, Rebecka Mutti, Shaunessy Egan, Jillian Abdow, and Barbara Maloni. Front row - Jessica Nolan, Laura-Beth Guyer, Melissa Sparver, Erin Sullivan, and Karen Smith. **MISSING:** Michelle Bitgood, and Alanna Murphy. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DAISY GIRL SCOUT TROOP members at Robinson Park. Back row, from left - Martha Manning, Heather Adams, Danielle Dunham, Jennifer Weaver, and Daniella Tirone. Front row - Crystal Rivers, Jessica Montagna, Mary Manning, and Brenna McGinn.

Robinson Park Daisy Girl Scouts Visit Heritage Hall

On Tuesday, December 2nd, when most five and six year-old girls were playing with their toys or watching Christmas shows on television, Daisy Girl Scout Troop 553 and their leaders visited Heritage Hall Nursing Home.

It was a very emotional time for both the girls and the residents.

The girls brought hand-crocheted angels (made by one of the leaders) to give to their "new grandmas or grandpas." They sang songs, talked, held hands, and passed out lots of love. Before leaving, the Daisies

shared homemade cookies with the residents of the nursing home.

Troop 553 is comprised of kindergarten girls from Robinson Park School.

The newly initiated Daisies are **Heather Adams, Danielle Dunham, Brenna McGinn, Martha Manning, Jessica Montagna, Crystal Rivers, Daniella Tirone, and Jennifer Weaver.**

The lucky leaders of these girls are Helen Manning and Mary Jane Adams.

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Sports

The Advertiser News Hands-Out Its Fall Sports Awards To AHS Athletes

Corso "Fall Sports MVP"; Parolo Runner-Up

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

BEGINNING WITH THE FALL SEASON, *The Advertiser News* will be recognizing its MVP for the Fall, Winter, and Spring Sports seasons at Agawam High School. The overall winner will receive a plaque, as will the runner-up. All other individual winners will be given certificates. The AAN will be arranging a brief picture-taking ceremony for the awards presentation with the AHS administration.

OVERALL FALL SPORTS MVP: Jon Corso, senior, cross country team. **RUNNER-UP: Ricky Parolo,** junior striker, varsity boys' soccer

CORSO had the finest season ever by an Agawam High School cross country runner, and will undoubtedly go down as the best ever at AHS. He set four course records and was undefeated during the regular season.

In the post-season, Corso won the Valley Wheel Individuals Meet, he won the Coaches' Invitation Meet in the senior class division, placed third at the Western Mass. Meet, and finished 15th in the State Meet to grab a medal. He was the only Western Mass. runner to be named All-State.

Corso's first course record this season came October 30th against West Springfield, at home. He clocked a 15:11 time, eclipsing the old mark of Bob White of Longmeadow (15:18). His second record came October 10th against Belchertown with a 15:59 time, once again breaking a Bob White mark (16:11).

He then rewrote the record books at Ludlow High with a 13:53 clocking over the 2.7 mile course, shattering the old mark of Belchertown's Tim Woodcock (14:27). Then, in his final meet at home, Corso broke his own record by of 15:11 by running a 15:03 October 20th, vs. Monson.

On October 27th in Southwick, Corso took the Valley Wheel Individuals Meet with a 13:32 clocking. On November 1st, at Northfield Mountain, Corsos won the Coaches Invitational Meet with a record-breaking run of 16:39, in the Grade 12 race. This time blitzed last year's mark set by Southwick's Brian Soper (17:01).

On November 8th, at Northfield Mountain, Corso placed third with a 16:51 time over the 3.1 mile course, the best finish ever by a Brownie runner.

On November 15th, at Gardner, Massachusetts, Corso finished his superb senior year with a 15th place finish in the State Schoolboy Meet, a first for AHS. He was clocked in at 15:56; was the only Western Mass. runner to place; and he defeated the two Taconic runners who finished one-two in the Western Mass. Meet the week before.

PAROLO was the runner-up in our Fall Sports MVP balloting. Parolo had an outstanding season for the Division I champion Brownies, scoring a school record 27 goals. He followed his superb sophomore season (16 goals, 4 assists) by finishing second in the Smith Division scoring race.

Parolo was a major factor for the soccer team's best ever regular season record (7-2-8), and helping the Brownies to a stunning tournament run of three straight victories, including the clincher over favored Ludlow.

Parolo had a defender on him every game, giving other Brownie scorers more opportunities, another asset to having him on the field. His senior year should be most memorable.

VARSITY FOOTBALL MVP: Vinnie Pallotta, senior defensive lineman.

This 5'9", 185-pound nose guard led by team in tackles and was a force on a very good Brownie defense every game. Other players may have enjoyed better individual performances, but game-in and game-out Pallotta always contributed. He was the steadiest Brownie on the field.

Said coach Joe Modzelewski of Pallotta, "Vinnie was one of the hardest workers on the team. He never failed to give us 110 percent, and he was one of the bright spots for us this season."

VARSITY SOCCER: Ricky Parolo (see above)

VARSITY GIRLS' SOCCER: Trish Landry, senior, goaltender.

With such a well-balanced team, it was difficult to pick a clear MVP for the girls' soccer, although when the going got tough, senior goaltender Trish Landry proved to be one of the finest goalies in Western Mass. She clearly was a major factor in the team's super 11-3-3 season (fourth in Fielding Division). The gals were bumped from the tournament by Cathedral in four overtimes, 3-2.

Landry was chosen due to the outstanding balance of the scoring wealth on the Brownies, and the fact she was the terminator for the defense.

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY: Jon Corso, senior (see above)

FIELD HOCKEY: Judy Pignatere, senior, forward

In only her second year of field hockey, senior Judy Pignatere finished the season with 12 goals and one assist (13 points) placing sixth in scoring in the division.

Pignatere was a constant spark for the Brownies, and she helped them to one of their finest seasons ever, 9-6-1. This record put coach Cindy Grieve's troops into the Western Mass. tourney as the ninth seed. The Brownies fell to Amherst, a shocking victor over top-seeded Southwick in the semi-finals, 2-0.

"Judy was a pleasure to coach and she provided the team with much-needed leadership," says Miss Grieve. "We'll miss her next year for sure."

GYMNASTICS: Maureen Burns, senior

This senior gymnast had the best season ever for an AHS gymnast. She qualified for the Western Mass. Schoolgirl Championships in three different events (floor, beam, and bars).

Burns recorded her personal all-around high of 22.5, November 4th, against Wachusetta. She was the most consistent performer for the Brownies, but was overshadowed by the team's lack of success.

"Maureen was a very hard worker and a team leader," says coach Laura Bruso of the four-year team member. "I'll really miss her."

MOST MEMORABLE GAMES:

BOYS SOCCER, 2-0 victory over Ludlow for Western Mass. title

Not only was the game one of the big AHS Fall Sports memories of 1986, it is one of the all-time great games in AHS sports history. It was the boys' soccer team's upset victory over powerful Ludlow High, November 16th, at Szot Park, giving the locals their first-ever Western Mass. Division I title.

The victory, before 3,500 fans, the largest ever to watch an AHS contest, was a 2-0 shutout. First half goals by Ricky Parolo and Frank Evangelista (penalty shot) led the way for the locals. But the key here was the defense.

The Brownies escaped more high jinx situations than Harry Houdini, being peppered by 30 Ludlow shots, and this was a tribute to the fullbacks and goalie Dave Andry.

BOYS' FOOTBALL, 21-0 upset victory over Westfield High

This AHS grid victory goes down as one of the big upsets in many years for an AHS team. Yes, folks, it was a 21-0 shutout over big, bad Westfield High, October 18th, at Harmon Smith Field.

The Bombers came in at 4-0, having rolled over every opponent, while the Brownies were still smarting from a 22-6 loss from eventual Super Bowl champion Cathedral (who defeated Westfield for the title). The Brownies were 1-2-1 at this point.

But the Brownies played some superb football and pulled the upset of the Western Mass. grid season. The victory also marked the first time in 11 years the locals defeated the boys from the Whip City.

The Brownies had fine performances from first-time starting quarterback John Serra, and tailback Todd Godek, who rushed for 91 yards on 17 carries. Defensively, the Brownies were outstanding. There were many fine efforts here, particularly by Jeff O'Keefe, Peter Vecchiarelli, Tom King, and Vinnie Pallotta.

Agawam jumped to a 14-0 halftime lead on Godek's 31-yard TD run, and a Bob Altobelli one-yard plunge into the endzone. The final TD, which iced the cake, was an 8-yard TD strike from Serra to tight end John Cappuccilli in the fourth quarter.

The key in this game was the Brownies' outstanding defense, Westfield turnovers, and the locals avoiding the costly turnovers and mistakes that plagued them in many games during the season.

BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES:

DAVE ANDRY, BOYS' SOCCER

Andry saved his best overall effort for the Western Mass. championship game against Ludlow. After a fine regular season, he recorded 12 saves and played with true grit. He completely sacrificed his body against the oncoming rush of Ludlow strikers. He made several remarkable saves, and always seemed to be just one beat ahead of the 30 shots poured-in on him.

JON CORSO - BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY:

Corso became the first AHS harrier to get All-State recognition, placing 15th at the State Meet in Gardner, Massachusetts, November 15th. He finished the 3.1 mile course in 15:36, and came from behind in the last 20 yards to take the last medal.

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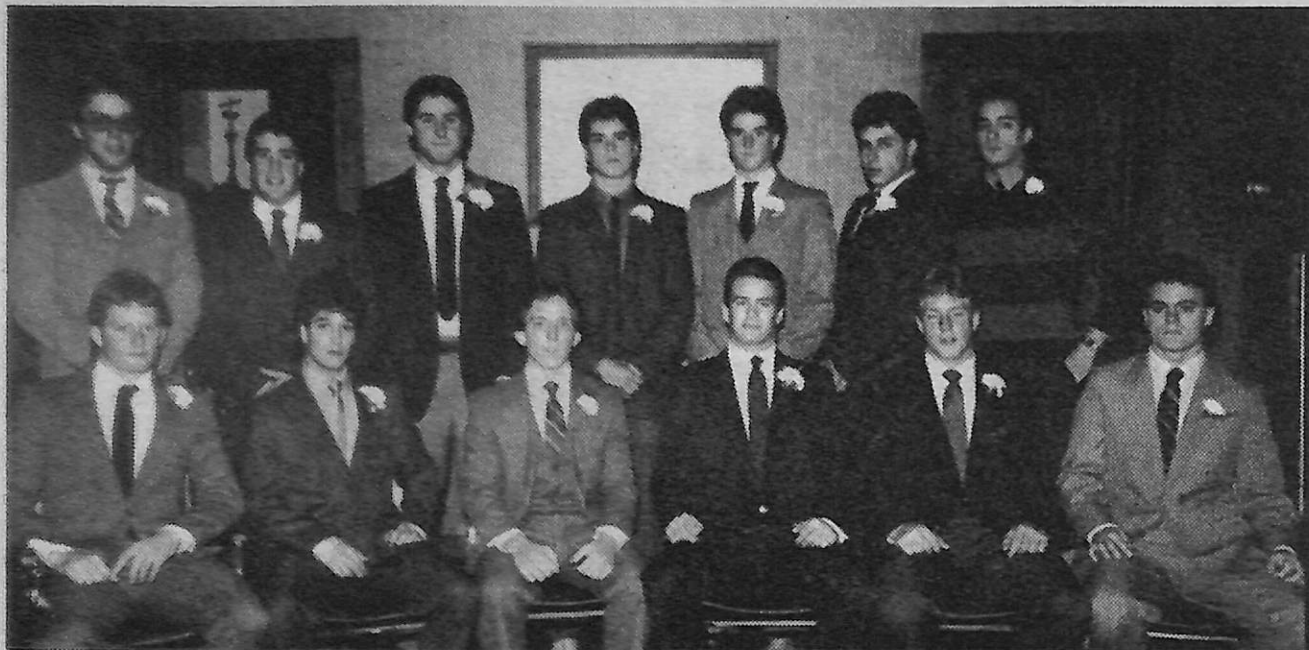
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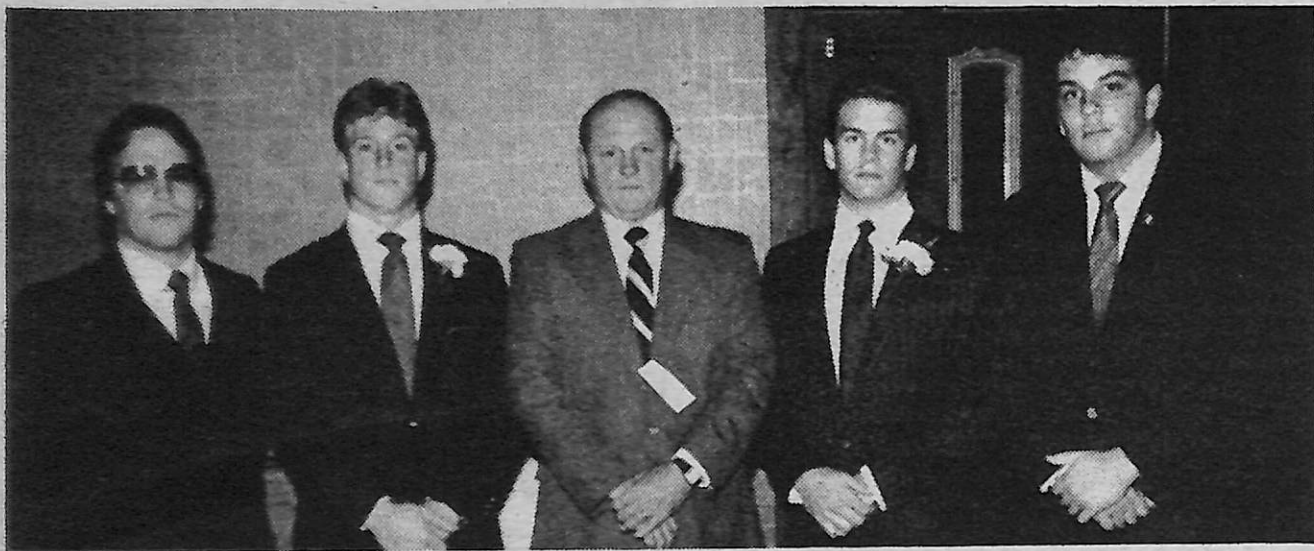
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Gridiron Moms Host Annual AHS Banquet



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS WERE ESPECIALLY NOTED at the Annual Agawam High Gridiron Moms Football Banquet, held Sunday, November 30th, in Westfield. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



COACHES AND SENIOR TRI-CAPTAINS of the 1986 Agawam High Football Brownsies, from left - assistant coach Gary Geiger, senior Vinnie Pallotta, head coach Joe Mozelewski, senior Jeff O'Keefe, and senior Dean Vecchiarelli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THOSE HARDWORKING GRIDIRON MOMS with a cake in the shape of a football for the 1986 banquet. From left - Nancy Jarvis, Paula Antico, Marie Mazza, Sheryl Longhi, Linda Sheehan, Judy DiLullo, Diane Godek, and Joanne Cappuccilli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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MAUREEN BURNS - GYMNASTICS:

Burns received her personal high of 22.5 in the all-around competition, November 4th, against Wahconah. The events include the floor routine, uneven bars, the horse, and the beam. This score ranks among the best ever recorded at AHS for a gymnast, and she ranks as the best all-around gymnast ever at AHS.

RICKY PAROLO - BOYS' SOCCER:

Parolo set a new single-season scoring record (including post-season) with 27 goals. His finest single game came September 17th against Holyoke. Parolo scored five goals and added two assists, the best single-game scoring effort ever for the Brownsies.

SUPER SOPHOMORE SEASONS:

KAREN PATTERSON - GIRLS' SOCCER

This super sophomore isn't even that - she's just a freshman at the Agawam Junior High School. Oh boy, what a future this gal has. She was a major reason for the Brownsies 11-3-3 regular season. She scored 15 goals and added six assists (21 points) to lead the team in scoring, a first for a freshman. Her 21 points is a regular for a frosh, and she finished fourth in Fielding Division scoring.

BRYAN BOUTWELL - BOYS' SOCCER

Boutwell had a fine sophomore season as he finished behind Ricky Parolo in team scoring. He offensive skills were a fine compliment to the frontline, and he played like a veteran throughout the year. More importantly, he took much pressure off the shoulders of Parolo because of his ability to put the ball into the net.

CHAD ALECHNY - BOYS' SOCCER

This sophomore sweeper played his position superbly throughout the season. With an aggressive style of play, his game also featured a fine touch; his clearing boots often found open teammates. He was just one of the defensive standouts in the post-season, especially in the Division I championship victory over Ludlow High.

JOHN SERRA - FOOTBALL

As a sophomore quarterback, Serra started in six of 10 games. He first start came October 18th vs. previously undefeated Westfield. He helped lead the way on offense as the Brownsies posted a 21-0 victory. It was his best performance of the season. He had another fine outing in a 21-0 shutout of West Springfield on Thanksgiving Day.

Frank A. Maiolo Dance Club Represents Rollaway In N.J.

The Frank A. Maiolo Figure and Dance Club, representing the Rollaway Rink in Agawam, were invited to compete in an invitational meet in Jackson, New Jersey, on the weekend of November 28th, 29th, and 30th.

The students from the club train all season to keep in shape so they can compete in the Northeast Regional Championship in July.

In last year's competition, the club had two skaters who placed in Regionals, which resulted in representation of the club at the national competition, which was held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The skaters competing in the New Jersey competition were Darlene Telsa and Buddy Tesla, Huntington, Connecticut; Jenniter Dlugos, Derby, Connecticut; David Rose, Agawam; and Debbie Naiden, Springfield. This will be their first meet in the season.

The professional staff of the Rollaway are Pat Horanzy and Bruce Boland.

The rink operators are Susan Maiolo and David Maiolo.

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Paul Talbot "Returns" To Piranhas

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Piranhas, a competitive swim team in Agawam, are now being coached by former Agawam High swimming star and 1984 graduate, Paul Talbot.

The team is sponsored by the Agawam Athletic Association and competes in the Pioneer Valley League. Now in its 14th year, the Piranhas continue to have both summer and winter teams, with ages ranging from five to 18 years of age.

The summer program runs from mid-May to the end of July, with meets held each Tuesday and Thursday evening. The winter program runs from mid-October to late February, with meets on each Saturday.

This winter, the Piranhas will have eight meets, three of which have already been completed. So far, the Piranhas have dropped two meets and have come-up victorious in one.

Program Is Going Strong

Resident Irene Scalise is now in her fifth year as commissioner of the program for the AAA, and she is assisted by Mary Paltz. She says the program is strong, but there is a constant need for new swimmers on the squad. Mrs. Scalise points out that having Talbot as coach has motivated the kids.

"Paul is terrific with the kids and it has worked out very well," says Mrs. Scalise. "The kids now see that if they work very hard, they might go on to have the success that Paul had."

Talbot credits his swimming success to his mother, Marilyn. Her persistence in keeping him active in swimming as a youngster resulted in Talbot's talent being brought to recognition throughout New England. He joined the Piranhas in seventh grade ("I was a terrible swimmer") but soon he began to excel after some hard work and hours in the pool.

As a schoolboy at Agawam High, Talbot was undefeated in regular season meets. That's right - he never lost during the regularly scheduled meets. As a sophomore, he finished second in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle at the Western Mass. Meet. He then competed in the Bay State Games in Amherst, and took home four gold medals out of six events.

As a junior, Talbot won the 50 and 100-yard freestyle at the Western Mass. Meet, and then placed second in the Massachusetts State Swimming Meet in both events. Next-up was the New England Schoolboy Championships in Rhode Island. Here, he won both the 50 and 100-yard freestyles. This qualified Talbot for the Eastern Zone Championships in Pittsburg. Here, he placed in the top six for both events.

Talbot finished his junior year by grabbing six gold medals (three individual and three team relay) in the six events he entered at the Bay State Games in Boston. Two weeks after that amazing performance, Talbot flew to Germany and competed in the German Turnfest Games, representing the Springfield Turnverein in Feeding Hills.

In Germany, Talbot placed first in the 50-meter freestyle with a record time of 24.9 for that tournament. The previous mark was 25.8.

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Senior Year Was The Best

As a senior, Talbot again won the 50 and 100-yard freestyles at the Western Mass. Meet, and then finished off his AHS career by taking both events at the State Championships in Lowell. His final race was a 100-yard freestyle victory, posting a record time of 47.52.

Talbot then competed with the U.S. National Swim Team, placing first in the 50-yard freestyle, and second in the 100-yard freestyle at the Eastern Zone Championships in Syracuse, New York. He then traveled to Brown University, Rhode Island, for the New England Championships. Again, he won both the 50 and 100-yard freestyles, and placed in the top six in three other events.

Talbot still holds seven records at Agawam High, but his 500-yard freestyle record fell in 1985. He was also undefeated all through his years with the Piranhas, and his 100-yard freestyle time of 51.21 in the 13-14 age group still stands as a Western Mass. record.

All of these accomplishments tab Talbot as not only the best swimmer ever at Agawam High, but one of the most successful athletes ever at the school.

After receiving several scholarships, Talbot chose Keene State, New Hampshire, where he hopes to attain his bachelor of science degree in 1989 in industrial safety engineering. However, his competitive swimming days are over.

He was slowed in his senior year as he suffered from metacarpal syndrome, a disease where most of the muscles in the body tighten-up when being over-exerted. Talbot could not maintain his torrid pace of practice and competition after graduation.

"I do miss the competition, friendship, and travel that swimming brought to me," says Talbot. "But I put it into perspective and realized that I had taken it (swimming) as far as I could go. I have no regrets - just fantastic memories."

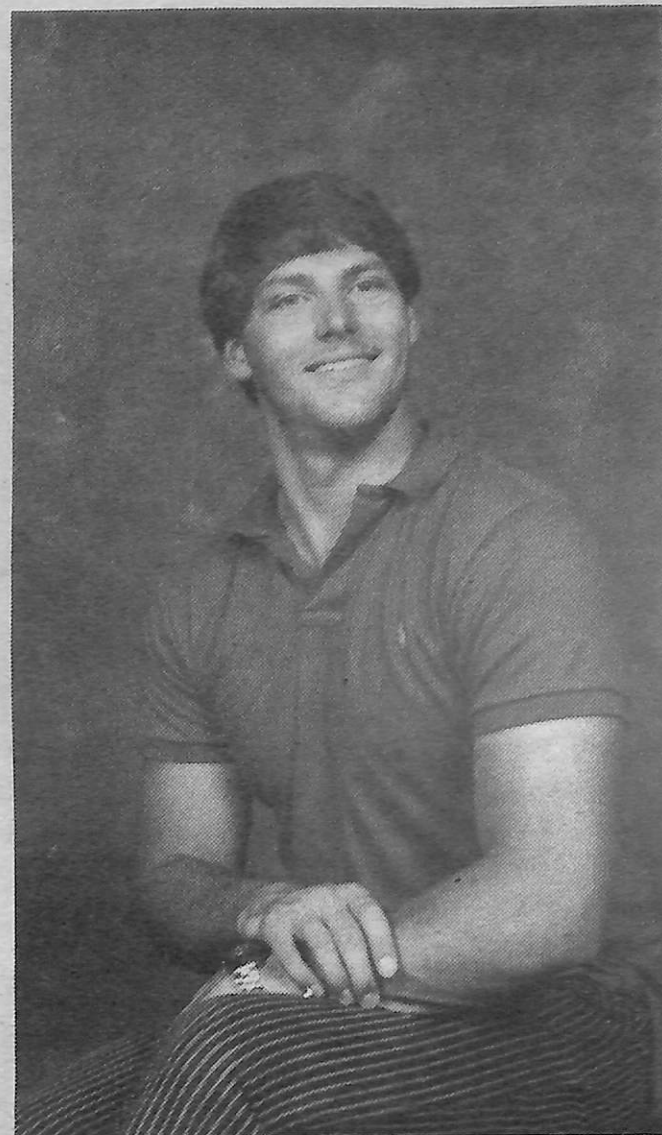
Loves Working With Kids

As for his new coaching position with the Piranhas, Talbot says he "loves working with the kids. We have a mutual respect for each other," he says. "They really listen because they know I've been there. I'm trying to give them my personal knowledge of the sport."

Speaking of the Piranhas program, Talbot says, "It's an excellent place for both the beginner and the advanced swimmer."

The Piranhas is also the place where Agawam High's best-ever swimmer began to learn. Whether there's another Paul Talbot looming in the waters of the Piranhas, that remains to be seen.

The locals do all their swimming at the junior high school, and they are holding a fundraiser in late January called "The Piranhas Swim To Pay For Team Equipment and Salaries."



FORMER AHS Swim Champion Paul Talbot



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SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

by Bill Chiba

The past ten years has seen a dramatic change in our sister states' deer herds. Due to poor management and severe winter conditions (a few years in a row), the deer herds in Vermont and New Hampshire took a nosedive.

This decline was so drastic that the revenue, which amounts in the millions of dollars, declined substantially. Both states took the "bull by the horn" after receiving a lot of static from residents of the states, who felt that they (residents) had a better solution for increasing the deer herds.

Both states increased their non-resident license fees, which increased the difficulties of the fish and wildlife departments. Less revenue was received from the loss of non-resident license sales. License sales decreased. The fish and game departments operate solely on license sales money and federal assistance (from the 11 percent excise tax on related goods used in fishing and hunting.)

The fish and game departments fought tooth and nail, and were successful in having their programs left alone for a 10-year period. The results are gratifying to the departments' biologists and others involved in the projects.

Deer hunting was good in New Hampshire this fall, with approximately 1,000 more deer (a 19 percent increase) taken than in 1985.

"It was an excellent year," stated Howard Nowell, chief of New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Game Division. "Our preliminary figures, based on weekly reports from deer registration stations, indicate a harvest of 6,776 deer. Last year hunters killed 5,684 deer."

Asked if the increased kill will hurt the herd, Nowell said, "If the deer population is up, it will be reflected by an increased kill."

Nowell attributes the improved deer herd to the modified bucks-only season (which allows more does to live and reproduce), and to several consecutive mild winters.

Of course, the major factor in the deer's survival is the length and severity of a winter, and the availability of quality winter habitat.

Vermont's deer kill this past season is up from 1985, and the bow kill is also up over last fall's. Both figures are indicators of an increased deer herd, by far the healthiest animals Vermont has had in 100 years.

The large herd of deer witnessed in the 1950's and 1960's suffered from inter-breeding and malnutrition from overbrowsing of the food supply. Then, several harsh winters reduced the herd. The herd is on the way up and I personally am glad. I love the state of Vermont, and hunting and fishing in the state is an enjoyable experience.

Massachusetts is the prime example of good game management. Other states with troubles have used programs rooted in Mass. to increase their herds. The Mass. herd is up to 30,000 or better, and the bow and arrow kill this year is expected to run over 600 deer, a rise over last year's season.

It is projected that the gun season's will show an increase in harvest. All factors point to an increase in the herd. More deer are being hit by cars than ever before. This past month, around nine deer were killed by cars in Agawam, a definite indicator of more deer in town.

Rejoice



Lordly Barber In 1st In Tri-Parish Bowling

After two weeks of rolling in Round Two of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League, Villanova (6 wins) holds just a three-pin lead over second place Fordham (6 wins) in the early-goings of the round. Also getting out of the gate in a hurry in this round is St. Mary (3rd place-6 wins).

Villanova and Fordham, winners of four straight to open Round Two, tangled in a tough match last week. The teams split, two wins each.

Winners for Villanova included DEBBIE GEORGE (294), RENEE JURY (a key, 297-295 win over former Agawam High football star PAUL DEZIELLE), and captain FRANK "The Lordly Barber" RESCIGNO (353). He really whalloped Fordham captain ANN O'CONNELL (289). Frankie was really crowing after this one; that's the best anchorman score he's had all year. He must be back to sniffing his hair spray. The key to Fordham getting a split was TONY DEPALO's 328-288 victory over CHERYL PRZESZLO. Still, Rescigno says his charges are ready for this round. We'll see.

St. Mary's defeated St. Anselm (7th place-3 wins), three wins to one. St. A's winners were PAULINE DEPALO (277), PEG TASSINARI (273), former AHS basketball bruiser RAY BARBIERI (320), and captain FRED MORASSI (353). He slugged St. A's distraught captain, VI MASSOIA (294).

Round One winner Loyola (5th place-5 wins) quickly got back on track by staggering Catholic University (4th place-5 wins), three wins to one. Loyola winners included JEAN BUONICONTI (306) and captain STEVE ROVITHIS (332). Rovithis defeated CU's upset captain, JIM SNYDER (314). The two CU winners were VENETTA SNYDER (Jim's mom-288) and ERNIE BLAIR (279-267 win over STEP STEPANIAN; both rollers were not in form).

Still, it was enough for Loyola to claim victory, putting them right back into the first division.

After being swept four-straight in the opening week,

Agawam Parks & Rec. Dept. To Begin Taking Winter Program Registration Dec. 15th

Please Note: No registration will be taken before December 15th!

Registration for both youth and adult programs will be daily Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation Office which is located at the Agawam High School, right driveway, rear entrance. **Look for the signs.**

All fees are payable in advance of the program to the **Town of Agawam**. There will be **no** refunds of the program fee **unless** the program is **cancelled**. All programs are subject to change due to gymnasium availability and participation. All programs will be **cancelled** on any day school is **closed** due to inclement weather. **Notification** will be placed on Radio Station WMAS-AM & FM. If you are still in doubt, call the Recreation office at 786-0400, extension 456.

Santa Is Flying Into Town

Hey kids! Bring your parents to see Santa arrive in town by helicopter at the new Perry Lane Park (former-

Boston College (6th place-4 wins), used last place Notre Dame (2 wins) as this week's whipping boy, four wins to none.

BC winners were TERRY CERPOVICZ (269), PAUL LAGODITZ (314), and captain JOHN O'CONNELL (371). O'Connell wasted ND captain JOHN RESCIGNO, who could muster no better than a poor 283. Rookie of the Year candidate GEORGE LANE continued to roll well for ND, firing a 310 to turn back AUDREY PHILLIPS (268).

That off again, on again team, St. Michael (8th place-3 wins), were on this week at the expense of St. Louis (11th place-2 wins), three wins to one.

St. Mike's winners were substitute GARY GINGRAS (328) and STEVE DEVANEY (317). In a night of good rolling, St. Lou winners were FRANK CERPOVICZ (273) and captain DEBBIE POIRIER (331). Debbie stopped St. Mike's captain MIKE O'CONNELL (305), who was still pleased his team fought back after being bombed in week one. Debbie is not happy about St. Lou's slow start in Round Two, to say the least. The other St. Lou roller who was in the 300-plus club was JANICE MOCCIO (305).

And finally, Georgetown (9th place-3 wins) showed some life after defeating Holy Cross (10th place-3 wins), three wins to one. The major match-up in this one was between the two captains, STU STORK of HC and AL "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO of G-Town. The individual match was no contest - Storkie beat-up Moccio, 364-319. Storkie boasts a 117.3 average, the best in the league, in the Open Class, while Moccio is the third-leading roller in Class AAA (109.10).

However, Moccio held the last laugh over Storkie as his G-Town teammates were able to pull-out the victory. G-Town winners were SANDY PRZESZLO (279) and KATHY PRZESZLO, who had a huge night with a 337. It was Kathy's best effort of the season and proved to be the major difference. Moccio liked what he saw, stating, "We finally showed we're alive in this league. I believe we will keep it up."

ly the Y.M.C.A. property) and have your picture taken with Santa for a small fee.

When: Saturday, December 20th.

Time: He will fly in at 1:00 p.m. and stay until 3:00 p.m.

Location: Perry Lane Park (off of Mill Street).

Nursery School To Open

The Perry Lane Nursery School will open on Monday, January 5th, 1987. This program is for all children who have turned three or four years of age by September 30th, 1986.

Session: January 5th to May 30th, 1987.

Time: Three years-old - Tuesday/Thursday, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Four years-old - Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Perry Lane Park

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Park & Rec Programs - From Page 50...

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office
School Fee: Three years-old—\$45 per month; four years-old—\$60 per month
Teachers: Mary Ann Page, director; Lauri Solitario, aide.

Release forms must be signed by a parent or guardian before a child may be able to participate.

ICE SKATING PROGRAM—FIGURE:

Professional instruction will be given by the Sun Valley Skating club. This program will be structured for beginners and class size is limited to 30.

Session: January 17th to March 7th, 1987. (8 weeks)

Time: Saturdays, 4:10 to 5:10 p.m.

Location: Eastern States Coliseum, West Springfield

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$20 per person (no refunds)

Instructors: Sun Valley Skating Club

YOUTH GYMNASTIC'S PROGRAM: Classes are limited to 30 per class on a first-come, first-serve basis. Sneakers must be worn. Enter the gym through the last door on the left side of the school.

Session: January 10th to March 14th, 1987. (10 weeks)

Time: Saturdays, 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. (beginners four and five years)

9:45 to 10:30 a.m. (beginners six and older)

10:30 to 11:15 a.m. (intermediates and advanced)

11:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon (beginners four and older)

Location: Agawam Junior High School Gym

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$10 per child (no refunds)

Instructors: Agawam Recreation Department Gymnastic's Staff

YOUTH LEARN TO SWIM:

Classes are limited to 25 per class on a first-come, first-serve basis. Your child must be able to change his/her own clothes. No females will be allowed in the male locker room, as no males will be allowed in the female locker room. Enter the pool through the last door on the left side of the school.

Session: January 10th to March 14th, 1987. (10 weeks)

Time: Saturdays, 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. (seven years and older)

10:00 to 10:50 a.m. (four, five, and six years)

11:00 to 11:50 a.m. (four, five, and six years)

Location: Agawam Junior High School Pool

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$10 per child (no refunds)

Instructors: Agawam Recreation Department Swim Staff.

SELF-DEFENSE:

This course provides the necessary skills and knowledge in protecting oneself in tight situations. This program is open to adults and children (over 12 with parental consent). We must have at least 12 people registered to run the program. The **King Cobra** will teach **Sparrows to Hunt Hawks**.

Session: January 19th to March 9th, 1987. (8 weeks)

Time: Mondays, 6:00 to 7:20 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Gym

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$20 per person (no refunds)

Instructor: David Skolnick

WOMEN'S EXERCISE AND FREE SWIM PERIOD:

Session: January 5th to March 9th, 1987. (10 weeks)

Time: Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Gym "A"

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$20 per person (no refunds)

Instructor: Willie Fortini

*Third Session: March 16th to May 25th, 1987.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL AND FREE SWIM PERIOD:

Session: January 5th to March 9th, 1987 (10 weeks)

Time: Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Gym "B"

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$20 per person (no refunds)

Instructor: Willie Fortini

*Third Session: March 16th to May 25th, 1987.

MEN'S RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL:

This program is informal. It provides exercise, fun, and competition.

Session: January 6th to March 31st, 1987. (13 weeks)

Time: Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Agawam Middle School (large gym)

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$20 per person (no refunds)

Supervisor: Peter Parrotta

DANCE—AEROBICS:

This course is a blend of exercise and dance. It firms and tones the body, exercises the heart and lungs, promotes flexibility, develops rhythm and is pure and simple fun.

Session: January 6th/8th to February 24th/26th, 1987. (8 weeks)

Time: Tuesdays and/or Thursdays, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Robinson Park School

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$35 per person (no refunds). If you wish to join for one night, cost will be \$20 per person.

Instructor: Debbie Tracy and staff

*Third Session: March 3rd/5th to April 21st/23rd, 1987.

HATHA YOGA PROGRAM.

This course is designed to totally relax the body and mind through special movements and exercises. It is

open to both youth (over 12) and adults. Class is limited to 10.

Session: January 7th to February 25th, 1987. (8 weeks)

Time: Wednesdays, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Perry Lane Park (formerly Y.M.C.A.)

Program Fee: \$20 per person (no refunds)

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Instructor: Francis Carmel

OPEN GYM:

Session: January 5th to April 27th, 1987

Time: Mondays, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam High School Gym

Registration: Not required

Fee: \$2 per person (pay supervisor at the door)

MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE (OVER 30):

This basketball league is for any male over 30. Games will be played on Sunday mornings beginning in January. For further information, contact Peter Hanson at 786-2355.

CIVIC ORGANIZATION GYM & SWIM:

The Junior High School gym and pool will be available to civic groups and clubs of Agawam on Friday nights through reservation. There will be a \$25 charge per hour. This fee includes the lifeguard.

Session: January to May, 1987.

Time: Fridays, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Gym and Pool

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

RECREATION SWIM SCHEDULE:

The pool at the Agawam Junior High School will be open for public swim for both youths and adults on Sunday afternoons and Monday evenings. It is recommended that you leave no valuables in the locker room or pool area. A lifeguard will be on duty. All pool rules are in effect. No cut-offs are allowed in the pool.

Session: Sundays, January 4th to March 29th, 1987

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Session: Mondays, January 5th to March 30th, 1987

Time: 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Pool

Registration: Not required

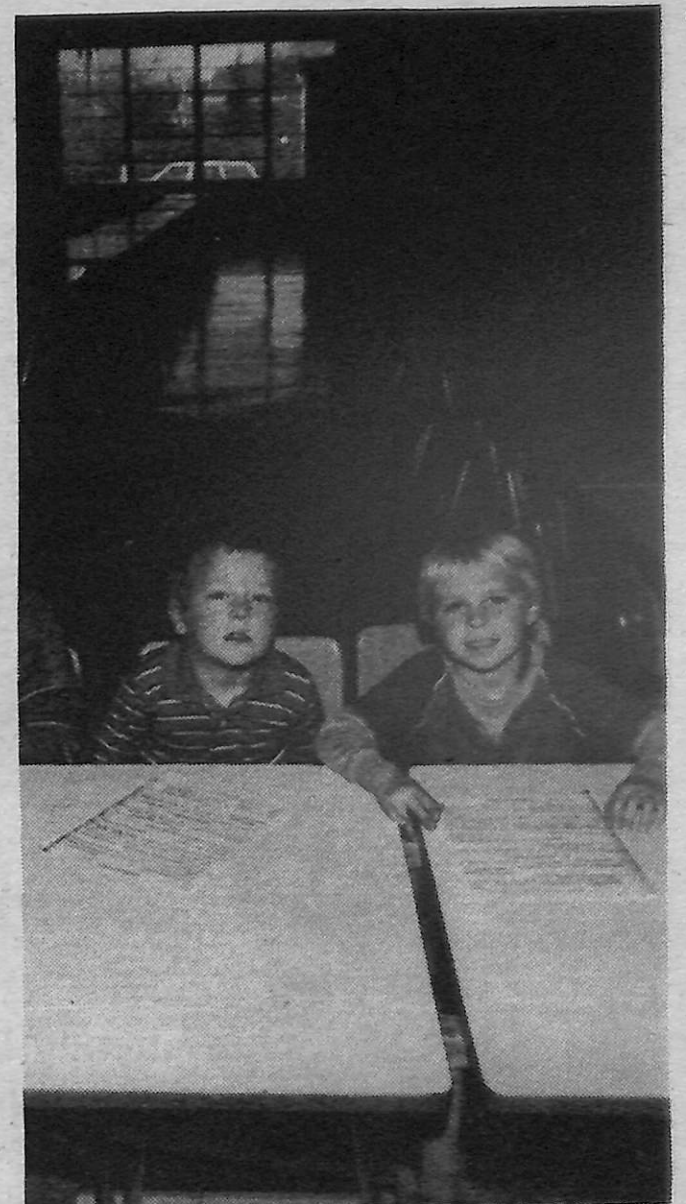
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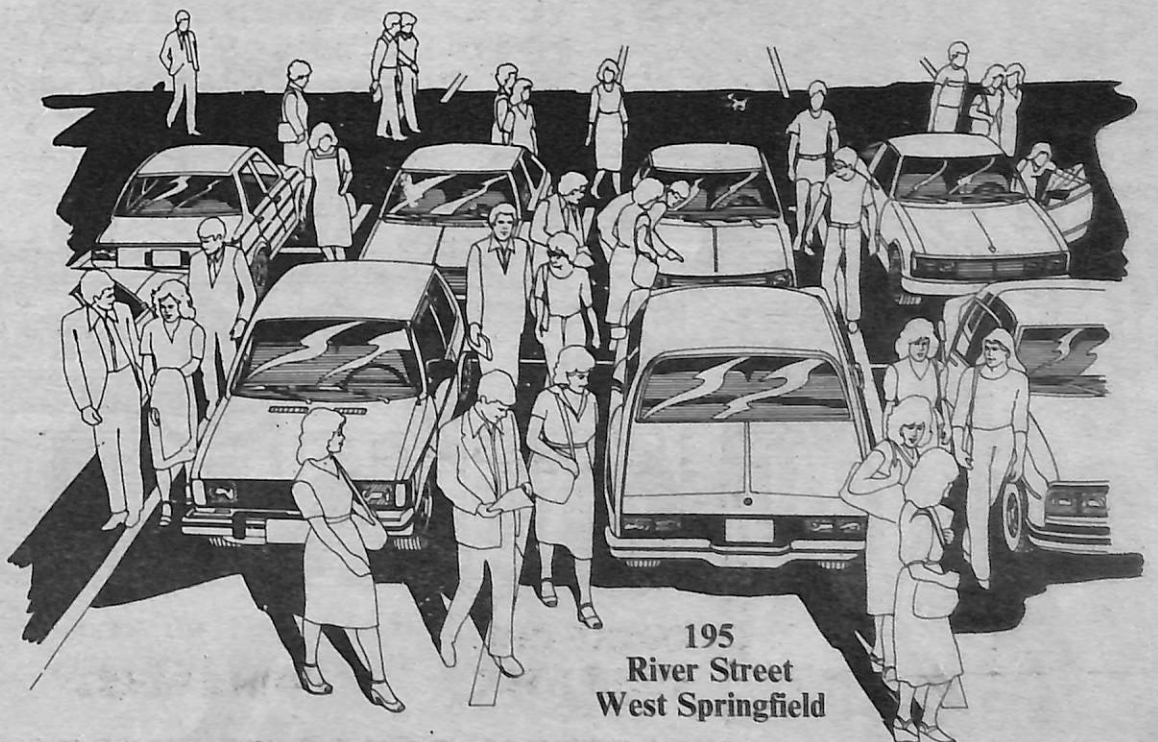
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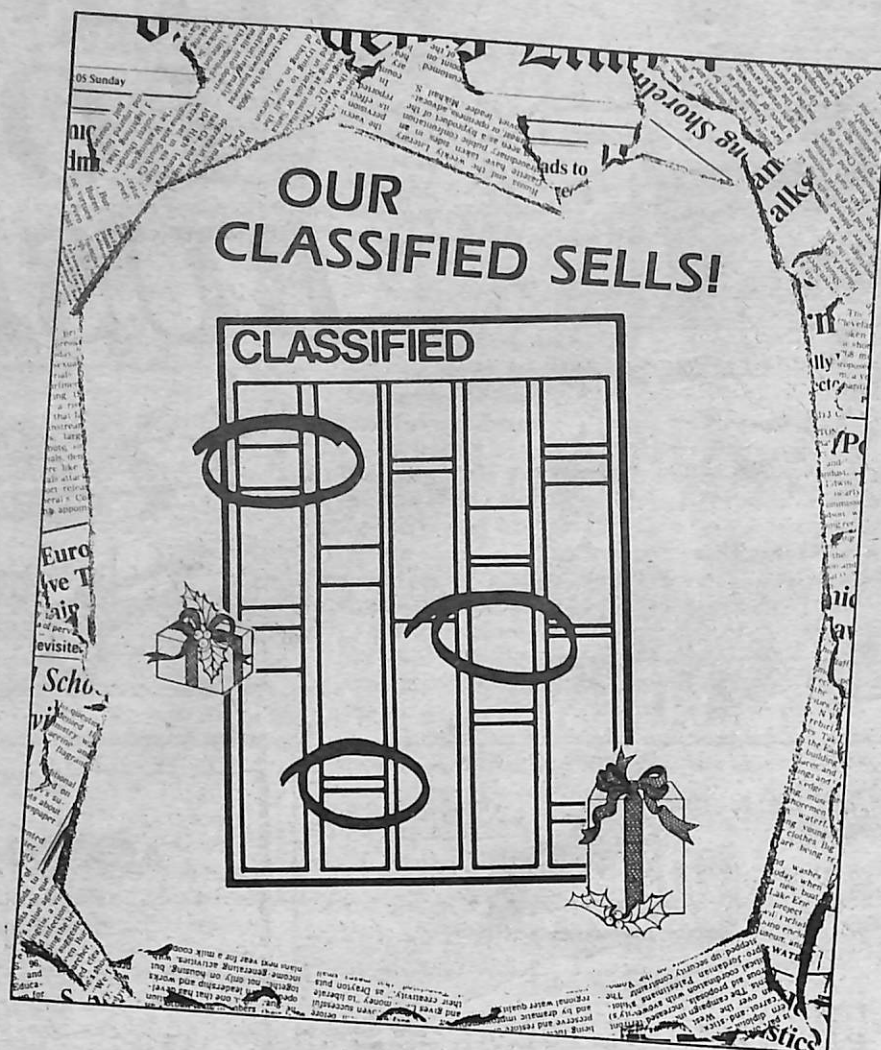


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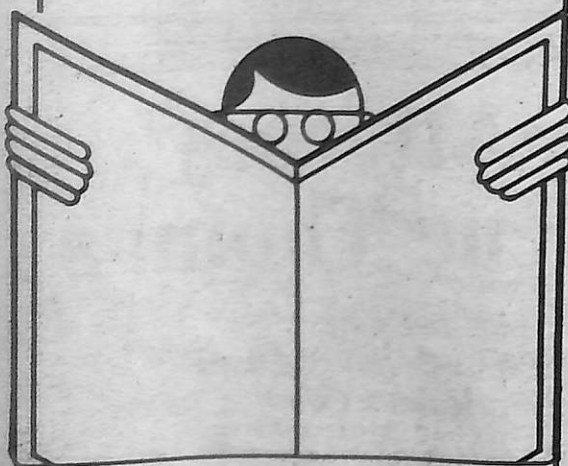
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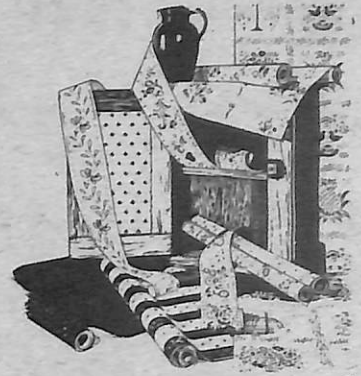
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About Real Men!!!

Real Men don't Dry. Real Men - Real Men really don't hug other men! Real men don't say "I love you" to other men! I am ashamed to admit that all my life I have tried to behave in such a stereotypically masculine manner.

My father and I always got along well. In recent years I tried to do more things for him and with him. We had a truly loving relationship. But the constraints of manliness that he established by verbalizing these taboos prevented me from showing any affection for him.

On a recent Wednesday, Dad asked his doctor to admit him to a hospital for treatment of a high fever, the origin of which could not be determined. By Friday he was so weak he could not stand without support. By Saturday he was moved to the intensive care unit in critical condition.

As he lay semi-conscious and not expected to live, I was fervently praying for a healing miracle. It suddenly hit me that I had never in my life told my father that I loved him. I had not hugged him since I was a child. There were so many things he wanted to teach me that I had never made an effort to learn. (From age 17 to 25, I thought I knew more than he did.)

I begged God for another chance to tell my Dad I loved him. I wanted desperately to hug him but the taboo was too deeply ingrained and I couldn't bring myself to do it.

I have a bit of advice for sons of all ages. If your father is living, hug him and tell him you love him the next time you see him. It doesn't matter where it is or who is around. You might not get another chance. I didn't.

Thanks for a provocative letter.

In this age of Rambo fever and macho madness, it is good to be reminded that real men can and should show tenderness and affection. It's all right to cry. It's perfectly OK to embrace a father, or a brother, a son or a male friend. Men who are sure of their masculinity do so without hesitation.

The display of affection between men, is heartwarming to witness. Men in other countries do it much better than we do. I hope the men reading this will take your advice.



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